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## Lebanon missionaries say no time to cry

By Art Toalston

LARNACA, Cyprus (BP) — Bill Trimble and other Southern Baptist missionaries who evacuated to Cyprus have been so busy they "haven't had time to think" about their feelings on Lebanon.

Fifteen missionaries came to Cyprus "numb," as Nancie Wingo put it in late February.

For three weeks before evacuation, they put in long hours turning over their responsibilities to Lebanese Baptists, packing their belongings and saying goodbye to friends and neighbors.

All the while, they had hoped the U.S. government would respond positively to their plea for exemptions to its order that all Americans leave the country.

And for at least three missionaries, their last days in Lebanon were marked by close calls with the violence of civil war now in its 12th year.

The last four missionary couples in Lebanon, along with a missionary retiree, are scheduled to leave there the first week of March.

Trimble, chairman of the missionaries in Lebanon, said it was with

"the Lord's strength that we've been able to keep going day and night." Trimble, dean of students at Arab Baptist Theological Seminary, has worked in Lebanon 25 years.

Wingo has not shed an abundance of tears over ending her 17 years of teaching at Beirut Baptist School. "We were just trying to cope with everything else," she said.

Mack Sacco, treasurer of the Baptist mission in Lebanon since 1971, remembers "waking up at 2, 3, 4 in the morning just to think through the things to do the next day."

At least one evacuee welcomed the move. Susan White, 3-year-old adopted daughter of Gary and Jerree White, likes Cyprus "because there are no boom-booms."

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Five days before they left Lebanon, the Whites attended a farewell dinner at a Maronite Catholic school where White had coached three basketball teams. On their way home, artillery fire broke out between warring militia groups. A shell landed several hundred feet in front of their car, causing a few moments of deafness but no other injuries.

White wheeled the car toward a nearby apartment building where Trimble and his wife, Vivian, and missionaries David and Maxine King have lived. The three families spent two and one-half hours in the basement before they felt safe to come out.

Five windows in Wingo's apartment in West Beirut were shot out while she was away. To cross the street from the school, she had to run to avoid possible sniper fire. She slept in the apartment hallway, with doors to the various rooms shut.

The fighting closed school for several days, denying Wingo her final goodbyes to the school's 950 students and 50 teachers. She does not know if or when her belongings can be shipped from West Beirut.

As they left Beirut, missionaries adopted a statement drafted by Jim Ragland, superintendent of Beirut Baptist School for more than 30 years, and Frances Fuller, a 24-year missionary veteran who directs the Arab Baptist Publication Center.

The missionaries note they are leaving Lebanon "in obedience to the order of the U.S. government." Although their tenure in Lebanon ranges from 30-plus years to less than two, "All of us feel that our hearts have been torn out and left in Lebanon."

"We do not fully understand the intention of our government in forcing us to go," the statement continued. "If it is to protect us, we are dismayed, because . . . we have lost our right to obey God as we understand his will for us."

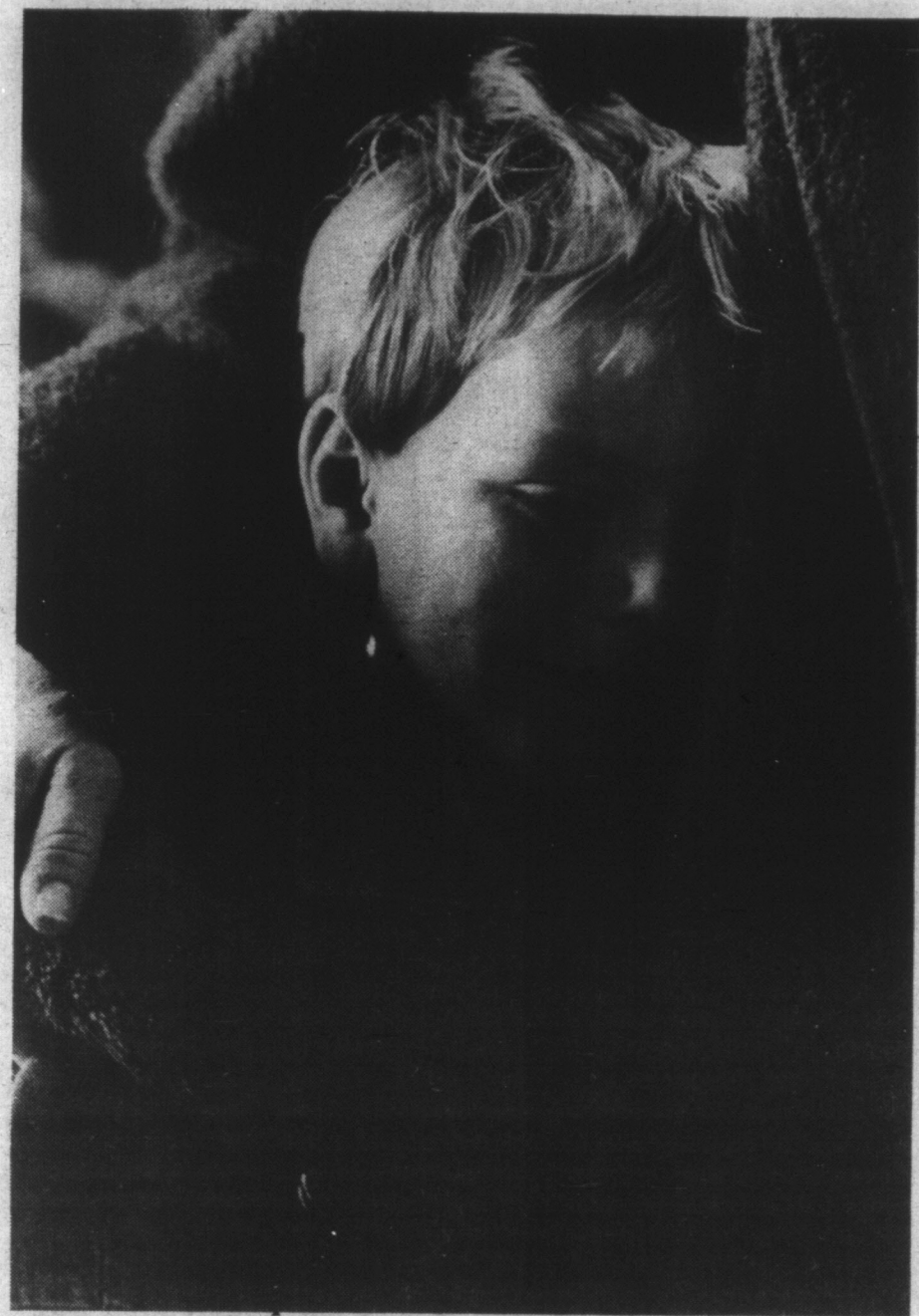
"If it is to punish Lebanon, we are sorry, because Lebanon is dying. Punishment is not appropriate for the dying. The dying need urgent and intensive care. We believe that our educational and spiritual and benevolent work is part of that care. We are sure that punishment, revenge and isolation are not the answers to Lebanon's problems."

The missionaries urged "a policy of fairness and compassion" toward Lebanon, "a policy which will attempt to remove the causes of terrorism and to heal the wounds of Lebanon."

To the Lebanese, the missionaries promised to "come again, as soon as we are permitted, to share your life and reclaim our hearts."

None of the missionaries speculated when they might return to Lebanon. Several expect assignments in other countries. U.S. Embassy officials in Beirut told Trimble the order will stand for at least one year. The families will live temporarily in Cyprus.

Art Toalston writes for the Foreign Mission Board.



Aaron Sacco, 7, leans against his mother, Linda Sacco, as his family stands in line to go through customs upon arrival in Cyprus from Beirut, Lebanon. His father, Mack Sacco, was the business manager for Southern Baptist missionaries in Lebanon before they left in late February in compliance with a U.S. government order. The Saccos, from McAlester, Okla., had their two youngest children with them in Beirut. Annika, their next youngest, is 9. Three grown children are in the United States. (BP) PHOTO By Joanna Pinneo



Leonard Swenson, left, of Boscobel, Wisc., greets Southern Baptist missionary David L. Swenson, his son, upon the Swensons' arrival in Cyprus from Beirut, Lebanon. David was accompanied by his wife, Joyce, and their two children, Kari, 4, and Tarik David, 2. The missionaries came out as Southern

Baptist complied with a U.S. government order to leave Lebanon. Swenson, a native of Beirut, lived in Duluth, Minn., before missionary appointment. His wife, born in Annapolis, Md., considers Newport, R.I., her home. (BP) PHOTO By Joanna Pinneo



Deborah Futrell, Southern Baptist missionary from Agency, Mo., sits surrounded by the missionaries' luggage after arrival in Cyprus from Beirut, Lebanon. Her husband, Russell, of Pineville, La., taught in Beirut before a U.S. government order forced missionaries to leave in late February and early March. (BP) PHOTO BY Joanna Pinneo

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# Editorials . . . by Don McGregor

## Winning America

Southern Baptists are in the midst of the Week of Prayer for Home Missions, and the week will culminate Sunday with Home Missions Day in the Sunday School.

In view of the fact that this is the Week of Prayer for Home Missions, it is also the time that churches all across the nation and in the territories and even in Canada are taking up the annual Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for Home Missions.

In many instances home missions work is tough, hard, thankless work. Yet home missionaries are some of our greatest heroes of the faith. They work in inner cities where sometimes they face even physical danger. Much of their work is with people who have been left by the wayside in the frenzy of modern living. Much of it is with people who do not have the monetary means to cope with the frenzy of modern living.

The goal for the offering this year is \$37.5 million. It is definitely a need by the Home Mission Board, for that amount of money is about half of the annual budget.

And the money is used to some extent in Mississippi. In Mississippi,

however, we give more back to the Home Mission Board than we use of Home Mission Board funds. This is no attempt to give a detailed account of what is accomplished by Home Mission Board money in Mississippi, but one of the most exciting aspects is the world mission field that comes to our doorstep as ships from all over the world stop in at our ports on the Gulf.

All across the nation our Home Mission Board funds are at work. Not all of this money comes from the Annie Armstrong Offering, of course. The other half comes from the Cooperative Program. In Mississippi, on a \$100 home missions project, the state puts up \$60 and the HMB puts up \$40.

In some of the states where the state convention work is not as strong as it is in Mississippi, the state puts up \$5 for every \$95 contributed by the HMB. Then, of course, the contributions of the stronger states, such as Mississippi, make up the difference. So ours is truly missions giving.

In the western states, where Baptists are not as plentiful as they are here, the money is used to strengthen the work. Many Mississippians are in

Montana and other western states and are being supported to some extent by Home Mission Board funds.

- In the cores of the great cities such as New York; Chicago; Los Angeles; San Francisco; Oakland, Calif.; and Miami home missionaries are at work. They are working in the jails and the prisons and wherever they are needed. And their ranks are growing. As Bold Mission Thrust moves along, we are increasing the size of our home missions force.

The Master said to witness in Jerusalem, Judea, and Samaria as well as the rest of the world. Jerusalem, Judea, and Samaria are our home mission fields. Our witness is necessary.

He said not to try it without the help of the Holy Spirit. And that's where the prayer comes in. We cannot do an effective job of witnessing without prayer. And the effectiveness of those missionaries whom we send out is directly related to our prayer ministry.

And our efforts will be enhanced if we take advantage of missions education that is available through participating in the work of the Woman's



## Guest opinion . . .

## Lottie Moon Offering celebration

By David Spencer

Last fall our church adopted a goal of \$15,500 for the 1986 Lottie Moon Offering for Foreign Missions. As you probably know, this annual emphasis by Southern Baptists produces the world's largest freewill offering every year.

This one offering covers one-half of the annual budget of the Foreign Mission Board. Hence, we strongly encourage giving to this offering each year. Not one penny of this offering stays in the local church or the state convention. It is used solely for world missions. It may well be the most important thing we do together as Southern Baptists.

Today I am happy to report to you that your church has surpassed the goal of \$15,500! Because of your love for missions, your desire to see the Lord's Great Commission fulfilled, and your sacrificial giving, we are able to celebrate this victory in the fellowship. "To God be the glory, great things He has done!"

The cause of world missions is alive and well at First Baptist Church of Long Beach. As your pastor, I want to express my gratitude to you for your love for missions and your generous giving.

I also want to communicate to our missionary friends across the world the message that we are 100 percent behind them. So we say to Hal and Lou

Ann Lee, "Stay on the job in Paris, even though it is one of the most difficult fields in the world! We will continue the support." We say to Dan, Sharon, and the Bradley children, "Keep up the good work in Kenya! We're behind you, and we want you to feel that your support is secure!" We say to Bill and Carolyn Smith, "We appreciate your dedicated service in Brazil. Stay on the job!" We say to Al and Emily Green and children in Argentina, "Your friends here at Long Beach still support you!" We say to Tony and Karen Gray and girls in South Brazil, "We have not forgotten you. We still pray for you, and we still give generously to your support." We say to Mike and Lynn Hutchinson in Togo, "There's never a day when you

are out there by yourselves! The Lord is with you and this church remembers you daily. Stay on the job. We'll support you from this side of the ocean."

And to the other thousands of our soldiers of the cross in scattered places around the globe, we still promise you what the first Baptist supporters of missions promised to William Carey, "We'll hold the ropes if you'll venture to go down." Our people are holding the ropes. God bless you all!

David Spencer is pastor of First Church, Long Beach. This is a letter written to members of the church after the 1986 Lottie Moon offering goal was surpassed. The same principle works for home missions.

## Senior adult day

By Jack Gullledge, Editor

Sunday, May 3, 1987, has been designated as Senior Adult Day in churches across the Southern Baptist Convention. It marks the second major event in the 1986-87 celebration of the COMING OF AGE emphasis sponsored by the Family Ministry Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board.

Senior Adult Day is a time of recognition and appreciation. In

many churches, senior adults serve as worship leaders in the morning and evening services. Senior adult choirs often provide special musical programs. Various activities, such as banquets, outings, social occasions, and fellowship, add to the festivities of the day.

This year's theme, COMING OF AGE: Senior Adults and the Churches, will focus on the role of senior

adults in today's churches.

The fourth and final special emphasis of the year's observance will be a study during August, 1987, of the book, *Coming of Age: Senior Adults and the Churches*, written by Horace L. Kerr.

Jack Gullledge is editor of *Mature Living*, publication of the Family Ministry Department of the Sunday School Board.

## Gambling still alive

Two gambling bills are still alive at this writing, though the fate of both could be determined before this paper reaches the homes.

Both bills are in the Senate Finance Committee at this writing. They are bills approved by the House and sent to the Senate. The Finance Committee will have either approved or killed the bills by Tuesday of this week. If they have been approved, then they will have to be acted on by the full Senate by Thursday of next week.

Therefore there is time to act to encourage the Senate to vote against these two bills if they should show up on the floor.

One is HB 120, a bill that would set up the possibility of establishing a

commission for pari-mutuel betting on horse racing in Jackson and Tunica counties if the voters of those counties should vote to do so. If that bill should pass the Senate and the voters of those two counties should vote to establish the commissions, then the entire state would be saddled with pari-mutuel gambling on the say-so of the voters of two counties.

A companion bill, HB 121, died in the House. It is the bill that would have determined what to do with the money made from gambling, but it could be resurrected this year by a two-thirds vote or brought back next year on a simple majority.

The other bill still alive is HB 717, which would allow any nonprofit civic, educational, or religious organization to run a bingo parlor and hold bingo games.

Bingo at nonprofit civic organization meetings would be bad enough. Once gambling gets its nose in the tent, we can expect the whole animal before very much longer. What we don't need at all is gambling at school functions and in churches.

This is a foot-in-the-door or nose-in-the-tent bill. If it is approved, the gambling supporters will be back with a larger agenda as quickly as they feel it would be profitable for them.

Mississippi Baptists should write their senators at once at Box 1018, Jackson, MS 39205. The telephone number is 948-7321.

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# Jones County tornado damages two Baptist churches

By Don McGregor

At least one Baptist died and probably more than 25 Baptists were injured when a tornado swept through rural Jones County Saturday morning, according to Maurice Flowers, director of missions for Jones Association.

The one known Baptist death was a 14-year-old boy, Dale Smith, a member of Highland Church. Highland Church was not damaged,

but the boy had gone to spend the night with a friend who lived in the Glade Community. When the storm hit the boys left the mobile home and went to a car parked outside. The car was thrown into a tree, and the Smith boy was killed.

Flowers did not know of any other Baptist deaths on Sunday night, and the Baptist Record was unable that night to contact the pastors of the three churches where damage occurred. Two of the three phones were

out of service. Two churches, Glade Church and Lawn Haven Church, were damaged. At Bethlehem Church the pastor's home was destroyed. The homes of the pastors of the other two churches were also heavily damaged. The two churches were badly damaged but reparable, Flowers said.

At least seven people died in the storm, and more than 100 were injured. Flowers said that with the Baptist population being 25 percent of the total, it could be expected that at least

25 of the injured were Baptists.

Before the storm the two damaged buildings had four pillars in front holding up the roofs, Flowers said. After the storm each building had one pillar remaining. The roofs were propped up, however, and remaining in place, he said.

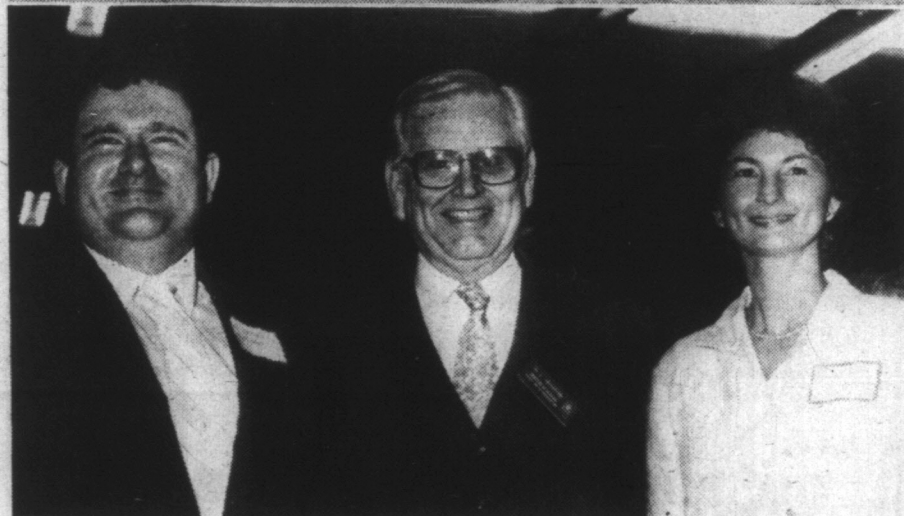
While there was heavy damage to the churches, Flowers said that they probably would be able to hold services in other parts of the buildings. The steeple was torn off of the Glade

Church and the steeple was damaged on the Lawn Haven Church.

Flowers described the area as disastrous.

The Glade Church pastor is Charles Davis; and, ironically, the Methodist pastor in the Glade area was the same name. The Baptist Record spoke with the wife of the Methodist pastor. The Lawn Haven pastor is Evon Ingram. At Bethlehem the pastor is Valton

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## North Delta dedicates facilities

The North Delta Baptist Association has moved to its new facilities at 2800 Fourth Street Extended in Clarksdale. Dedication of the new facilities and open house were held Feb. 8, at which more than 250 people were in attendance.

Tommy Tutor, pastor of Oakhurst Church and moderator of the association, presided over the Dedication Service. Director of Missions, M. C. Johnson presented the historical perspective of the building and the challenge to the future of the work. 20 of the 23 churches in the association were represented, as well as several churches in Tallahatchie Association (which is also served by Johnson.) Representing the city of Clarksdale was Mayor John Mayo. Also in attendance was State Representative Delma Furniss and Senator Malcolm Mabry, as well as Ray Grissett and Richard Alford from the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

The new facilities contain some 8,400 sq. ft. of space which will provide for new and expanded office space, small conference room and large assembly area, and about 5,000 sq. ft. will house the Ministry Center work.

Recently joining Johnson (center, above) on the staff of the North Delta Baptist Association as director of the Ministry Center is Jim Harris. The new office secretary is Mrs. Sherry Phillips.

## Interim president is named at Ruschlikon Seminary

RUSCHLIKON, Switzerland (BP) — Guenter Wagner, professor of New Testament at Ruschlikon Baptist Theological Seminary, has been named interim president of the institution.

J. Altus Newell, president of the seminary the past two years, will leave the post March 10 to become pastor of the Dawson Memorial Church in Birmingham, Ala. Newell is a native of Meridian.

Wagner has been a Ruschlikon faculty member since 1958. On two prior occasions, in 1972 and in 1982, he was Ruschlikon's interim president. He was named to the post by the

seminary's executive board in late January.

Ruschlikon has "a record of seven presidents over the past 10 years," Wagner said, noting he hopes appropriate changes can be made during the interim period to make the seminary president's workload more manageable. Such changes might allow the president to tackle "the constructive day-to-day work" yet "still see tomorrow."

Knud Wuempelmann, general secretary of the European Baptist Federation, is heading a search committee for Newell's successor.

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## Executive Committee OKs map: 1990-2000 Bold Mission Thrust

By Marv Knox

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP) — Southern Baptists' roadmap for ministry during the last decade of the century gained tentative approval during the denomination's February Executive Committee meeting.

The committee unanimously approved themes and goals for the 1990-2000 phase of Bold Mission Thrust, the Southern Baptist Convention's plan to present the gospel of Christ to the whole world by the end of the century.

The themes and goals will be considered by messengers to the SBC annual meeting next summer in St. Louis. If approved, they will provide guidelines for leading the ministry of the convention's 37,000 participating churches, 37 state conventions, 21 agencies and institutions and 7,000-plus missionaries.

Themes for the decade have been divided into two major groups. "Share Heritage and Hope . . ." is the theme for 1990-95, with annual themes of "Extend Christ's Mission," 1990-91; "Embrace God's Word," 1991-92; "Equip Believers," 1992-93; "Serve in Christ's Spirit," 1993-94; and "Evangelize the Lost," 1994-95. "Go Make Disciples" is the theme for

1995-2000, with annual themes of "Live God's Word," 1995-96; "Share Christ's Love," 1996-97; "Grow in Spiritual Power," 1997-98; "Follow Christ's Servant Example," 1998-99; and "To the End of the Age," 1999-2000.

Goals for the decade are:

— Baptisms: 2.1 million during 1990-95 and 2.5 million during 1995-2000.

— Congregations: 45,000 total churches and church-type missions by 1995; 50,000 by 2000.

— Worship: An average morning worship attendance equal to 55 percent of resident membership and an average evening worship attendance equal to 30 percent of resident membership by 1995; 60 percent in morning worship and 35 percent in evening worship by 2000.

— Bible study: 11 million Sunday School members by 1995; 13 million by 2000.

— Discipleship: 2.5 million church training members by 1995; 3 million by 2000.

— Missions education: 2 million Woman's Missionary Union and Brotherhood members by 1995; 2.3 million members by 2000.

— Stewardship: \$12 billion in annual undesignated church receipts by 1995; \$20 billion by 2000.

— Home missionaries: 4,500 by 1995; 5,000 by 2000.

— Foreign missionaries: 4,800 by 1995; 5,600 by 2000.

— Missions volunteers: 350,000 total home and foreign missions volunteers for 1990-95; 400,000 during 1995-2000.

— Missions support: \$1 billion contributed to the SBC Cooperative Program unified budget in 1995; \$2.5 billion in 2000.

— Associational missions: Each church giving to associational missions on a percentage basis throughout the period.

Responding to a change made last summer in SBC Bylaw 32, Representation from Qualified States and Territories, the Executive Committee voted to recommend six states and/or territories for upgraded representation on convention committees, institutions, and agencies.

With membership between 15,000 and 20,000, the Alaska Baptist Convention (19,142 members), Nevada Baptist Convention (19,228), New England Baptist Convention (16,844), Baptist

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## First annual broadcasting meeting will be held April 11 in Jackson

The first annual Mississippi Baptists in Broadcasting meeting will be held Saturday, April 11, 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m., at Calvary Church, Jackson, for those Mississippi Baptists who are involved in broadcasting on radio, television, or cable, or who are interested in being a part of the meeting.

The purpose of Mississippi Baptists in Broadcasting is for fellowship, in-

spiration, recognition, support, and training. The group is being sponsored by the Department of Broadcast Services of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

One of the main features of the meeting will be an awards presentation to recognize those who are doing outstanding work in radio, television, and/or cable. Participants are invited to send entrees in by March 15, 1987.

Awards will be given in the following categories:

1. Best Program One award for television and one for radio in each category. Total of six awards.)

- A. Missions/Evangelism
- B. Church Musicals

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# Peace Committee snags on coalitions

By Dan Martin

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP) — Political coalitions in the Southern Baptist Convention are "inappropriate" and "immoral," and will "destroy" the convention, Peace Committee member Daniel Vestal told a meeting of Baptist journalists.

Vestal, pastor of First Baptist Church of Midland, Texas, told the journalists he was "speaking as an individual," and not as a member of the 22-member SBC Peace Committee.

The Texas pastor, whose church annually leads the SBC in contributions to the SBC Cooperative Program, commented after two journalists — Bob Terry, editor of *Word and Way*, the Missouri Baptist Convention news journal, and Jim Newton, BP bureau chief in Atlanta — had asked about political coalitions and the appropriateness of caucuses by members of boards of trust to set the political agenda for board meetings.

Terry said he had talked with two members of the SBC Executive Committee who told him of a caucus in which strategy was discussed about ways to block the election of Alvin C. Shackleford as vice president of public relations and director of Baptist Press.

He also referred to "Firestorm Chats," a tape-recorded interview with Paul Pressler, a Houston appeals court judge and member of the Executive Committee, which dealt with creation of a political coalition by fundamental-conservatives to change the denomination.

Terry said he "fears" the denomination has seen groups "committed to a common agenda" which have engaged in "almost purposeful disenfranchisement" of some segments of the denomination.

Newton asked what the Peace Committee "attitude is toward that kind of political activity."

Vestal, who said he was not aware of the Executive Committee caucus, said he has listened to the recording, "Firestorm Chats," in which Pressler reportedly details formation of a coalition with Paige Patterson, president of the Criswell Center for Biblical Studies in Dallas, in the late 1970s with the intention of turning the SBC to a more conservative stance.

"There is a Pressler-Patterson coalition," Vestal said. "There are some of us who feel that this kind of coalition has no place in Southern Baptist polity. I think all of us recognize that there is politics in the convention. If you vote, that is politics. There is the sharing of influence, and that is politics."

"Many of us believe that the emergence of this (Pressler-Patterson) coalition, which spawned another coalition (Sherman-Chafin-Slatton-Cavender) is not only inappropriate political but is immoral."

(Following the emergence of the Pressler-Patterson coalition in 1979, a moderate group was formed. Its leaders have been Cecil Sherman, pastor of Broadway Church in Fort Worth, Texas, and former Peace Committee member; Kenneth Chafin, now a professor at Southern Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky.; James Slatton, pastor of River Road Church in Richmond, Va., and Norman Cavender, a layman from Claxton, Ga.)

Vestal added: "It violates the essence of what congregational polity is. If that kind of politics existed in First Baptist Church of Midland, it would be only a short time before (we) split. The fellowship would be destroyed; we would lose our vision; our purpose would be gone and we would be consumed in infighting."

"That is what has happened in the Southern Baptist Convention. The emergence of a political coalition has no place in Southern Baptist life."

He urged every Baptist editor, every member of the Peace Committee to listen to the "Firestorm Chats," tape and said, "I wish every Southern Baptist would listen to it. It is a clear statement of a reality that has emerged in Southern Baptist life in the last nine years that is going to destroy the Southern Baptist Convention."

After Vestal made his statement, SBC President Adrian Rogers told the journalists he wanted the record clear "that Dan Vestal is speaking for Dan Vestal."

Earlier, Rogers had told the journalists the Peace Committee had "addressed at great length" the question of political activity. "We found no political malfeasance of any group: no gerrymandering, no ballot-stuffing."

"Obviously, we have found some people who have done some wrong things, but (did not find) a systemized effort on either side of the aisle," he added.

Rogers, pastor of Bellevue Church of Memphis, Tenn., said: "There is a political atmosphere when we go to our convention . . . There is a political drive on the part of conservatives to see that conservative trustees are elected. That is political, but it is being done within the bounds and confines of our constitution. It is being done by conservatives feeling they are using the system that our fathers gave us to correct what they feel is a problem. They don't believe that is an abuse of the system, but a use of the system."

He referred to his often repeated belief that when theological problems are solved, the political problems will disappear and said: "Conservatives feel that when the need (for change) is removed, the system will no longer

be used in that way."

He also repeated his pledge to appoint "the best Baptists I know, intellectually, morally, spiritually, denominationally and doctrinally. I would not appoint anybody to anything who does not believe that the Bible has truth without any mixture of error for its matter."

Rogers said: "I will grant that when the conservatives came to the ability to make appointments, for example when I was president in 1979, I was green as a gourd. There were a lot of things I didn't know, a lot of people I didn't know. We were more or less like Beverly Hillbillies. We know a little bit more now and want the appointments to be the very best."

"If a man goes onto the (Baptist) Sunday School Board as a result of my Committee on Committees, I want him to be a good trustee, who understands the work of the board and wants it to do the best job it can for Jesus Christ."

He said: "I will not appoint anyone because he has been in the Pressler-Patterson coalition. But I will not not appoint him. I will look at him as a person."

During the hour-long meeting with about 50 representatives of the Baptist news media, Baptist Record Editor Don McGregor asked Peace Committee Chairman Charles Fuller about the Glorieta Statement, issued in October by the presidents of the six SBC-affiliated seminaries.

In the statement, the presidents pledged allegiance to a belief the Bible is "not errant in any area of reality," and said the schools will "enforce compliance" with the statements of faith signed by faculty and staff at the institutions.

"There are various feelings about the Glorieta Statement," said Fuller, pastor of First Baptist Church of Roanoke, Va. "I personally still feel we have something. Some have accused the presidents of caving in. I do not believe that was their spirit."

"I must believe in their integrity at that point and if I believe (that), I am certainly going to believe in their integrity at facilitation. I think the presidents believe they are facilitating the statement. To what extent and how

satisfactory that is is the issue."

The chairman said there had been questions about what the Glorieta Statement in reference to Scripture means. "Speaking as an individual I can say what it means to me. That statement, 'not errant in any area of reality,' does not mean that the Bible is complete and exhaustive in every area of reality upon which it touches; but it does mean that whatever it says about any subject it does touch is true. It is never misleading."

Fuller discounted secular newspaper reports that the Peace Committee is "at an impasse. We are not at an impasse, but we are watching and working. Our report (to the convention) will be strengthened or weakened by what takes place in the next month or two." He said such actions are "observable and tangible and in the realm of facilitation, not just of the Glorieta Statement but of the (presidential) appointments as well."

Jerry Vines, co-pastor of First Baptist Church of Jacksonville, Fla., said the Peace Committee felt the Glorieta Statement "was a very fine statement," but added "two of the presidents have backtracked from it."

He mentioned Roy Lee Honeycutt, president of Southern Seminary in Louisville, Ky., and Randall Lolley, president of Southeastern Seminary in Wake Forest, N.C., as making "subsequent statements (which) do not indicate consistency with what they said at Glorieta."

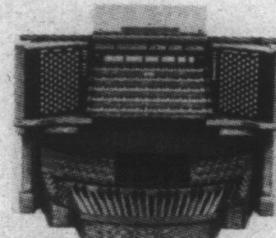
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Vacant lots and vacant minds usually become the dumping grounds for all sorts of rubbish.

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The three workshops mentioned above will be rotated each hour. The lunch and presentation of awards will be from 1-2:30 p.m. Outstanding people in church, college and other professional's in radio and television will be a part of the panels.

The luncheon and registration will be \$7.50 per person and should be mailed to Blankenship at Box 530, Jackson, MS 39205.



# Peace Committee works on convention report

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP) — The Southern Baptist Convention's Peace Committee spent much of its 13th meeting working on instructions to a drafting subcommittee about the content of the group's final report, according to Chairman Charles Fuller.

The 22-member committee met Feb. 18-19, immediately following the February meeting of the SBC Executive Committee.

In addition to working on the "concept and precept" of the final report, and giving "information and input" to the drafting subcommittee, Fuller told Baptist Press the group spent "a large portion of time focusing on addressing some of the political problems in the denomination," which embraces 14.6 million church members.

The group, which was created during the 1985 annual meeting of the SBC in Dallas, must make a final report to the 1987 annual meeting, scheduled June 16-18 in St. Louis.

Fuller said the drafting subcommittee,

chaired by Bill Poe, an attorney from Charlotte, N.C., will meet twice in March and will submit a first draft of the report to a meeting April 2-3, in Nashville, Tenn. Other members of the drafting subcommittee are Albert McClellan, of Nashville; Jerry Vines of Jacksonville, Fla.; Ed Young of Houston; Daniel Vestal of Midland, Texas; and Bill Hull of Shreveport, La.

"By and large, this meeting was invested in determining some general content; but we did give special emphasis to the political matters," Fuller said.

"I do not know of any informed and thinking Southern Baptist today who is saying our differences are not real or that they are minor, or, as we heard several years ago, that they are basically semantic, a matter of verbiage. It is quite obvious to every informed and thinking Southern Baptist that we do have marked differences.

"Those differences must be addressed, both the theological and the political, if we are to continue to

minister and work together," he added.

Prior to the committee meeting, Fuller presented a progress report to the Executive Committee. In the report, Fuller noted the committee had "hoped to be ready to present a preliminary draft of the report. We are not prepared to do that."

Originally, the Executive Committee had scheduled an hour during which it would receive the preliminary report and then allow members to react to the content. When the committee was not ready to make a report, the Executive Committee only heard Fuller's brief report.

In his report, Fuller said there are "several assumptions upon which the Peace Committee must work."

"First, the face value of statements and intentions made by those who have offered contributions to the peace process.

"Second, the conviction that we are



## Interfaith witness

To witness to other faith groups, Christians must know what they believe, says interfaith witness missionary Norm Langston as he visits the Hare Krishna Temple in Atlanta, Ga. Support Langston and the other 3,700 home missionaries through the March 1-8 Week of Prayer for Home Missions and the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. (HMB Photo by John Swain)

committed to keep our convention together and not to entertain a split of the convention as a solution to our problems.

"Third, the willingness of Southern Baptists to consider changes of approach, within the bounds of our polity and our diversity, believing it is better to alter the garment rather than to rend it.

"Fourth, the tenacity of prayer and faith on the part of the denomination of people who still believe God wants to use us and not pass us by."



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# Tornado damages churches

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Douglas. He has moved into a vacant house on the church field until the parsonage can be rebuilt.

Services were held at Bethlehem, which had little damage, but not at Glade and Lawn Haven on the Sunday following the storm. It would have been possible to have services, but there was so much damage to members' homes that it wasn't practical, Flowers noted.

He said that 680 homes in the area were damaged; and, of these, about 400 were destroyed. According to the percentage, he said, that would mean that about 170 Baptist homes were damaged and about 100 of them destroyed.

Some Eastview Baptist Church members sustained damage to their homes, but that church was not damaged. All of the damage was in rural areas.

"There was lots of damage," Flowers said. "Some big pine trees were clipped off about 20 feet from the

ground where the wind was that far off of the ground," he said. "When the wind was closer to the ground, the trees were blown over."

The Mississippi Baptist disaster unit was not called into service because Red Cross officials believed that the needs could be taken care of without it, Flowers indicated. At least 100 Baptist men from over the state were on the scene on Sunday, however, to begin the clean up operations. They came from at least 60 churches, he said. He could remember men from Carthage, Picayune, Lumberton, Hattiesburg, Brookhaven, Meridian, Jackson, Yazoo City, and Scott County. On Monday more teams were expected from Tupelo, Greenville, Silver City, and Gulfport. Paul Harrell, Mississippi Baptist Brotherhood director, and Jim Didlake, consultant in the Brotherhood Department, were on the scene to coordinate the work of the Baptist men. These workers were being fed by the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, Flowers noted.

The Red Cross was feeding the victims of the storm. Women in the area were preparing the meals, he said.

The two churches damaged were each about six miles from Laurel, Flowers said. The furniture belonging to the Bethlehem pastor was badly damaged. The piano was in the part of the house where the roof was blown off.

Flowers said that the need for workers to help in cleaning up may be over by the end of the week. He suggested that any additional crews planning to come should call the association office at 649-8114 in Laurel before making plans to be there.

Construction crews will be needed, he said.

Four Baptist churches were set up to provide shelter for the victims. The Red Cross had three designated as shelters. They were Eastview, West Ellisville, and Tucker's Crossing. Another church, Myrick, was also used as a shelter, though not by the Red Cross.

# Cooperative program tops \$13 million for first time

By Marv Knox

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP) — Southern Baptists launched 1987 with record-breaking contributions to their convention-wide Cooperative Program budget.

Cooperative Program contributions — passed along to national and international evangelistic, missionary and educational endeavors from 37 state Baptist conventions — totalled \$13,078,303 in January, reported Harold C. Bennett, president and treasurer of the Southern Baptist Executive Committee.

The previous single-month record was set in January 1986, when the program took in almost \$12.8 million. Only three monthly totals have surpassed \$11 million.

This year's strong January showing brought annual Cooperative Program receipts to almost \$44.1 million, four months into the fiscal year, Bennett reported. That total is 5.26 percent ahead of receipts for the same period during the 1985-86 fiscal year.

Bennett predicted Southern Baptists will increase Cooperative Program receipts from 5 percent to 6 percent over the previous budget. An increase on that level would push total receipts to between \$130.4 million and \$131.7 million. Such a total would surpass the Cooperative Program's first-phase basic operating budget of \$126.6 million but would not completely meet the program's \$5.9 million capital needs budget.

## 1st, Jackson, singles sponsor recovery seminar

A Divorce Recovery Seminar will be held March 13, 14, and 15 at First Church, Jackson, and will be sponsored by the Singles Department.

The theme will be "Picking up the Pieces." The special speaker will be Clyde Besson, author of *Picking Up the Pieces: Successful Single Living*. He developed this seminar as a result of some of his own experiences, and is known across the nation as a Growth Coach to single adults.

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# Bylaw change to shuffle SBC membership on BJC

By Dan Martin

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP) — A change aimed at increasing "grassroots" Southern Baptist participation in the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs was approved during the February meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee.

The change, a revision of SBC Bylaw 18, was recommended by a nine-member special committee studying the relationship between the SBC and the BJCPA, a religious liberty watchdog organization composed of nine Baptist bodies in the United States and Canada.

The committee was appointed in September to study a motion made during the 1986 annual meeting of the SBC to withdraw from the BJCPA and establish "an exclusive Southern Baptist presence" in the nation's capitol.

The change in Bylaw 18 must be approved by messengers to the 1987 annual meeting of the SBC in order to become part of the SBC Constitution.

The change would revise membership on the SBC's Public Affairs Committee, which relates to the BJCPA. Currently, the PAC is composed of 15 members, seven of whom are permanent members by virtue of office. Included are the chief executive officers of the Executive Committee, Foreign Mission Board, Home Mission Board, Sunday School Board, Christian Life Commission, Brotherhood Commission, and Woman's Missionary Union. Two other agency executives also serve rotating terms.

The president of the SBC also serves as a board member. Five of the

15 members are "at-large" positions and may serve only one four-year term.

All of the members of the SBC's Public Affairs Committee are members of the board of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs.

During the October meeting of the Baptist Joint Committee, a plan revising the way the nine Baptist bodies are represented was approved. The plan creates a 54-member board for BJCPA, but specifies none of the member denominations may have more than one-third of the membership.

Under the BJCPA revision, the SBC would be entitled to 18 representatives, the only body entitled to the maximum number allowed.

The change in the bylaw, which would become effective immediately if adopted by messengers at the 1987 annual meeting, limits the number of agency executives serving by virtue of office to five: the chief executives of the Executive Committee, Sunday School Board, Annuity Board, Home Mission Board, and Foreign Mission Board. The SBC president also retains a seat on the committee.

The revision specifies there will be 12-at-large members who may serve two four-year terms. Those members, the new bylaw specifies, "shall be selected as far as possible on a basis that will provide representation from the various geographic areas of the United States."

A new category of membership, "ex-officio, non-voting," is created in the bylaw. The chief executive officer of

the Christian Life Commission, who currently is a voting member of the PAC and BJCPA, will become an "ex-officio, non-voting" member of the group, if the bylaw is adopted in St. Louis.

Another change in the bylaw relates to the functioning of the Public Affairs Committee.

The bylaw says: "The 18 voting members of the committee shall also be the representatives of the Southern Baptist Convention who serve on the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs. The committee shall work with the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, but shall also function as a separate committee serving the Southern Baptist Convention."

Traditionally, the SBC's Public Affairs Committee has not met as a separate committee and has had as its primary function being the conduit through which money and membership flowed from the SBC to the BJCPA.

One of the proposals being considered by the study committee is a recommendation the CLC receive allocation of additional funds to establish an office in Washington to deal with moral and social issues. Currently, the BJCPA deals only with religious liberty and separation of church and state issues.

Young said the study committee will meet again in Nashville, Tenn., March 27-28 to continue work on devising a plan to resolve the problem of the relationship between the SBC and the BJCPA.

Dan Martin is BP news editor.

## FMB elects Myers as vice president

RICHMOND, Va. — Mississippi native Lewis I. Myers Jr. was elected vice president for Cooperative Services International by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board during its February meeting.



Myers

Myers' election, part of a major reorganization, heightens the priority given by the board to the work of the Cooperative Services International office. The office was created in 1985, with Myers as director, to assist national Christians and seek service opportunities for Southern Baptists in countries where missionaries cannot work.

Myers will continue to direct the overall work of the office. In addition, he will join a new high-level staff group which will design strategies for the mission board's future work worldwide.

Myers, who was born in Chalybeate

and grew up in Skene, is married to the former Toni Alexander of Boyle. He led several Mississippi churches as pastor before they were appointed missionaries to South Vietnam in 1960. They worked in evangelism and church planting, and he helped start the Baptist Publication Center in Saigon until 1975.

After leaving South Vietnam, Myers worked with the Home Mission Board as a consultant for Vietnamese ministry. He moved to the Foreign Mission Board in 1977 to work as associate to the director of the Overseas Division and later as director of Consultant Services before being named director of Cooperative Services International.

He received the bachelor of arts and honorary doctor of divinity degree from Mississippi College and the master of divinity degree from Southern Seminary.

The Myerses are the parents of four grown children, three of whom are living.

## Baptists inch forward with small 1986 gains

By Jim Lowry

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP) — Southern Baptists inched forward in 1986 but small gains coupled with losses in three major programs indicate a stagnant year for the denomination.

Bright spots are baptisms, and gains in church music and Woman's Missionary Union.

These statistics are a final reporting of information gathered from 1986 Uniform Church Letters from more than 37,000 churches. Projections were released in December based on the first 26,000 letters received in the research services department at the Baptist Sunday School Board. The final report revealed no major changes from the projections.

The gain in baptisms of 3.4 percent, or 12,053, comes on the heels of losses for four consecutive years. The total number of baptisms in 1986 was 363,124. Projected statistics indicated a gain of 3.8 percent.

The number of churches in the Southern Baptist Convention, which was not included in projections, topped 37,000 for the first time. The in-

crease of 137 churches, or 0.4 percent, brings the total to 37,116, for the 57th consecutive gain in number of SBC churches. This year's total reflects the dropping of 40 churches in Canada which became part of a separate convention.

The 1986 statistical report shows there are now 14,618,567 persons who are members of Southern Baptist churches. This is an increase of 0.9 percent, or 132,164, over 1985 the 60th consecutive gain in membership.

Sunday School, the denomination's largest program, experienced a decrease this year of 0.2 percent, or 16,823, to a new total of 7,943,973.

This loss follows a gain of more than 100,000 last year and increases for six consecutive years.

The next largest program, church training, decreased in enrollment in 1986 by 0.7 percent, or 14,693, to a new total of 1,954,345. This is the third consecutive loss for the training program, which has had an increase of 12.2 percent over the past seven years.

Enrollment in church music recorded its 21st consecutive gain, with an

increase of 2.8 percent, or 46,354, to a new total of 1,724,092.

Enrollment in Woman's Missionary Union increased by 1.3 percent, or 14,673, to a new total of 1,179,913. This increase follows two consecutive losses for the program.

Brotherhood enrollment showed a loss in 1986 of 0.8 percent, or 4,536, to a new total of 569,204. This year's decrease is the first for Brotherhood following seven consecutive increases.

Mission expenditures for the Southern Baptist Convention increased by 4.0 percent, or \$24.7 million to a new total of \$635,377,346. The increase for mission expenditures is smaller than for the past several years, when gains have been between 7 and 10 percent.

As projected, total receipts increased by 6.0 percent, or more than \$231.5 million, as the denomination surpassed \$4 billion for the first time. Total receipts, which reached \$4,117,574,240, have not decreased since the early 1930s.

Jim Lowry writes for the Sunday School Board.

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# Southern embraces Glorieta Statement

By David Wilkinson

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (BP) — The trustee executive committee at Southern Seminary here has unanimously embraced the Glorieta Statement and commended President Roy L. Honeycutt for steps taken to implement the statement.

Acting on a recommendation from board officers, the 19 executive committee members commended the denomination's six seminary presidents "for having initiated creative proposals designed to further the cause of reconciliation within the Southern Baptist Convention."

The Glorieta Statement was announced last October by the presidents of the six seminaries at a prayer retreat at the Glorieta (N.M.) Baptist Conference Center attended by SBC agency executives and members of the convention's Peace Committee.

In the statement, the presidents committed themselves "to the resolution of problems which beset our beloved denomination" and expressed eagerness "to be partners in the peace process."

The Glorieta Statement, which later was "affirmed" by the Peace Committee, set forth seven specific "commitments" related to fairness and balance in teaching and selection of faculty, compliance by faculty members to the seminaries' confessional statements, and continued emphasis on spiritual growth, evangelism, and missions on the seminary campuses. It also announced a series of three national conferences on biblical inerrancy to be held in the next three years.

Southern Seminary's executive committee affirmed the commitments "as appropriate guidelines for the continuing and effective ministry" of the seminary and com-

mended "the fidelity with which those commitments are being implemented" by the seminary administration and faculty.

The trustee affirmation came after Honeycutt outlined some of the steps taken by administration and faculty. They included:

— "Maximum support" of the Conference on Biblical Inerrancy to be held May 4-7 at Ridgecrest (N.C.) Baptist Conference Center. Honeycutt has been involved in planning the meeting, and several Southern Seminary faculty members will be program participants.

— "Continual and thorough review" to assure that faculty teach and write in accordance to the seminary's "Abstract of Principles."

— Plans for guest lectureships through 1990 based on "support for a balance of theological perspectives."

— Enlistment of conservative evangelical scholars such as David S. Dockery of Criswell Center for Biblical Studies in Dallas, and Millard Erickson of Bethel College in St. Paul, Minn., as visiting professors.

Additional invitations are in process.

— "Careful review" of student evaluations of professors to ensure that all instruction is respectful of varying theological viewpoints. Willis Bennett, dean of the school of theology, noted that more than 500 individual comments were included by students on evaluation forms last year and that he had "discussed with each professor those few comments which were critical."

After commending the progress made to date, trustees also requested the seminary administration to develop and report to the board additional "action plans" for further implementation of the Glorieta Statement's commitments.

## Parents need to act early for child care at SBC

ST. LOUIS (BP) — Parents who plan to take their preschool children to the Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting June 16-18 in St. Louis have been encouraged to act soon if they want to use convention-sponsored child care.

"It is time now to preregister preschool children for SBC child care," said Convention Manager Tim A. Hedquist. For convention purposes, preschoolers are defined as children who have not yet started first grade.

Space in Cervantes Convention Center will limit childcare registration, Hedquist said, noting overflow areas primarily will be used to seat 30,000 SBC messengers in the facility.

But unlike the 1986 convention in Atlanta, preschool children will be allowed on the convention floor when accompanied by their parents, he reported.

Older children in grades 1-6 will not be allowed on the floor unless they are registered messengers, he added. Day care will be provided for these children by the Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission, and

preregistration is not necessary.

Preschool child care will be provided for all seven business sessions of the annual meeting — three Tuesday, June 16; two Wednesday, June 17; and two Thursday, June 18, said Child Care Director Lucille Shrimpton. Cost will be \$5 per child per session, not to exceed \$25 for all seven sessions.

Preschool facilities will open 30 minutes prior to each session, Shrimpton said. Parents will be required to pick up their children after each session, even those interrupted only by mealtimes. Although snacks will be provided during sessions, meals for children will not be available.

The childcare operation will be staffed by volunteers from area churches, and directors will be convention-approved preschool workers from the Illinois and Missouri Southern Baptist state conventions, she reported.

Preregistration packets are available by writing: SBC Preschool Child Care, c/o Fee Fee Baptist Church, 11330 St. Charles Rock Rd., Bridgetown, Mo. 63044.



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### Recognizing the alcoholic

By Joe Stovall

Alcoholics are the people who have crossed that undefinable line between social drinking and compulsive drinking. Obviously, not everyone who drinks is an alcoholic; but a certain percentage continue habitually. They are people who go to social gatherings where alcohol is served. Unlike other people who participate, the budding or the full-blown alcoholics drink not only to be sociable, but also to get drunk.

They are people who arrange their activities so as to allow time for their drinking pleasure. This time may come only on weekends, after working hours, at "happy hour," or during the workday. These people eventually may drink in the morning or may wake up during the night to have a

drink. The craving for alcohol controls their lives, dictates their schedules and affects many areas of their lives significantly.

The scripture expresses the idea: "Who hath woe? Who hath sorrow? Who hath contentions? Who hath babbling? Who hath wounds without cause? Who hath redness of eyes? They that tarry long at the wine; they that go to seek mixed wine . . . At the last it biteth like a serpent and stingeth like an adder. (Proverbs 23:29-32)." In summary, alcoholics are people whose drinking interferes with their living.

Joe Stovall is a chaplain, Mississippi Baptist Medical Center.

## Christian Life seminar will focus on family

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — The focus will be on the family March 23-25 as Southern Baptist leaders from throughout the country gather here for a national seminar on "Critical Issues Facing Today's Families."

Sponsored by the Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, the meeting at the Adam's Mark Hotel will feature presentations dealing with concerns such as nurturing moral values in the home, pornography, domestic violence, suicide, the church and the family, aging, and special moral issues facing children and youth.

Major speakers enlisted to date include Robert Bellah, professor of sociology, University of California, Berkeley, and author of "Habits of the Heart;" Dan Blazer, gerontologist, Duke University Medical Center, Durham, N.C.; Bill Bradley, U.S. senator from New Jersey; Mississippi's Jerry Clower, Baptist layman,

humorist and regular host of programs produced by the Radio and Television Commission; Millard Fuller, founder and executive director of Habitat for Humanity, Americus, Ga.; Joel Gregory, pastor, Travis Avenue Church, Fort Worth; and Carolyn Koons, professor of Christian education and founding director of Institute of Outreach Ministries, Azusa Pacific University, Azusa, Calif., and author of an autobiography on the subject of domestic violence.

Also, Everett Koop, U.S. surgeon general who has been active and outspoken on tobacco, AIDS and other issues related to public health; Kyle Rote, Jr., sportscaster.

Registration is \$35 per person and \$17.50 for spouses of registrants and for students. Additional information, including details about special rates at the Adam's Mark, is available from the Christian Life Commission.

## Executive Committee OKs . . .

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Convention of Pennsylvania-South Jersey (19,368) and Utah-Idaho Southern Baptist Convention (17,614) will qualify for representation on the Executive Committee, the Committee on Committees, and the Committee on Boards, Commissions and Standing Committees.

With membership between 20,000 and 25,000, the Baptist Convention of New York (24,786 members) will qualify for representation on the same committees as the smaller conventions, as well as the SBC Foreign Mission Board, Home Mission Board, and Sunday School Board.

In a related procedure, the Executive Committee voted to recommend to the SBC annual meeting in St. Louis that the Executive Committee

charter be changed to allow its size to "be increased to any number not exceeding 100 or decreased to any number not less than 50." The charter amendment is necessary because new representation allowed by the change in Bylaw 32 will push committee membership beyond the current legal limit of 75 people.

In other business, the committee:

— Approved the recommendation of host cities for the SBC annual meetings in 1993 and 1994. Houston was recommended for the 1993 meeting, to be held June 16-18; Orlando, Fla., was recommended for the 1994 meeting, set for June 15-17. Both locations will be presented for approval to messengers attending the 1987 meeting in St. Louis.

Marv Knox is BP feature editor.

## Memphis hospital will offer Maternity Fair

MEMPHIS — How can a mother-to-be prepare for her childbirth experience? Where does the expectant father fit into the birthing process? What type of car seat offers the best protection for your newborn? How do you fit your child's first pair of shoes?

These are just some of the questions that will be answered at the Channel 13-Baptist Hospital East Maternity Fair, March 7-8 at the hospital at 6019 Walnut Grove Road.

Anyone who is pregnant or plans to have family in the future is invited to attend the free fair, which will be open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, March 7 and 1 to 6 p.m. Sunday, March 8. All family members are welcome to attend.

The Channel 13 — Baptist Hospital East Maternity Fair will feature several informational booths manned by experts who can answer questions and explain the wide variety of services available for parent-to-be, babies, siblings and grandparents.

Pre-natal exercise class demonstrations will be held Saturday, March 7 at 11 a.m., 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. and Sunday, March 8 at 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. A maternity fashion show will be held Saturday, March 7 and Sunday, March 8 at 3 p.m.

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## The time is now

Editor:

Great empires in the past collapsed from WITHIN: namely, Babylon, Egypt, Greece, Israel, Rome, etc. Sodom and Gomorrah were great ancient cities; but they, too, are no more.

America is on the threshold of moral decay! Pornography, alcohol, promiscuous sex, drugs are slowly but firmly strangling the life blood out of America. Even Sunday is just another work day now.

No longer is a man's word his bond. Corrupt public officials, including judges, are being indicted for embezzlement and fraud. The jails are full of law violators.

The Old Testament makes it plain: God will take just so much! There will be a Judgment Day. A person who breaks God's moral law will be responsible for his actions. Every sin will be accounted for; no one can escape the judgment!

Thirty or 40 years ago America had no drugs, filthy pornography, and AIDS problems; but today things are far different. Our enemies are not from WITHOUT but our enemies are from WITHIN. God's Ten Commandments can and will be obeyed, Sunday must be observed as a "holy" day. America must "clean up her act" or our end is near.

I believe as in the days of Daniel, America has been put on the scales and "found wanting." CHRISTIAN PEOPLE MUST TAKE THE LEAD AND HELP NON-CHRISTIANS TO KNOW GOD; THE TIME IS NOW.

Robert S. Leigh  
Jackson

## Place of ventriloquists

Editor:

As a ventriloquist, I have to admit that the woman was right. Jesus and the prophets did not use puppets. Also, women were considered the property of men in those days. So, must we, as Baptists, return to the practice of being the property of men? No.

Neither do we have to omit puppets from the service. There is a time and a place for puppets and not necessarily just in children's services. Though I have been a ventriloquist since April of 1986, I have learned much from my teacher — a well known gospel evangelist and ventriloquist himself — about when and how to use our not quite human friends.

In our performances we assess the situation and the goal of the service — worship, or even evangelism — and we plan our time as such. For me, also a soloist in our Baptist church here in Canton, I am amazed by the reactions of the members. Only twice have I worked with DJ — my figure and partner — in an actual service. Both times, we respected the Lord with the way we worship.

To a gospel ventriloquist, this is as much worship as someone singing a solo. One of the most lovely songs we

use both to worship and to invite others to Christ is "Somewhere It's Snowing." This lovingly speaks of God's forgiveness being like the snow covering the winter ground. God's grace covers a multitude of sins, as his love even covers the sincere heart of a person — who worships the Lord — as a ventriloquist.

Very much a Child of the King,  
Kate Price  
North American Assoc. of  
Ventriloquists,  
Canton

## New MADD office

Editor:

The local chapter of MADD has opened an office to better serve the area of Hinds, Rankin, and Madison counties. We are a non-profit organization and are totally dependent upon contributions. At this time we are in need of office equipment. We desperately need a copier and some video equipment and videos to assist us in our public presentations both in adult workshops and in the schools. Any donations of course will be tax-deductible. Our tax ID number is EIN94-2707273.

Our mission is to make our streets and highways a safer place for you and us to drive.

Faye Case, President  
Capital area chapter  
Mothers Against Drunk Driving

## Good Samaritan

Editor:

As I studied the Sunday School lesson about the Good Samaritan, I recalled an incident in Vicksburg.

As I drove to the First Baptist Activities Building one morning, I passed two young men dressed in East Indian attire with typical headdress. They stopped along the way and asked where they could bathe and were referred to the Activity Building.

When they arrived, the minister of music was in the building and took them to the bathroom. While they were bathing, the woman on duty in the office took their clothes to the kitchen area in the basement of the main building, laundered them, and returned them to the men. During that time the minister served coffee. I was glad to witness that Good Samaritan service.

Eunice J. Campbell  
Jackson

## Dog sense?

Editor:

May I illustrate a deadly serious question with our little pet dog? She came from a seemingly impossible puppyhood. A toy bull/stray cross female, born at the end of a dead-end road, only three families in a mile, one of them already overstocked with dogs! But she adopted one of those dogless families (our friends) and so endeared herself that they hospitalized her for a stalled attempt at

motherhood (two cute babies). Later, just after we lost a long time pet, they took an extended visit across Florida, and she came to us and was "family" within a week. If a stray wanders by, she says she is at home, he is not, but should be, without any fight. If you should come for a visit, after an inquiring "yap," she would run to you, fairly wagging all over, usher you in with the enthusiasm of a candidate for county office, and consider you her honored guest.

So, what's the blood-curdling question?

Can it be that all the rulers of this earth, together, don't have as much sense as that little bob-tailed dog?

Shall we pray?

Ross Stark  
Ripley, MS

## Programs for alcoholics

Editor:

While the legislators are in session, let them note that recently some Mississippi officials, judges, former governor, and others have at last suggested that the DUI laws may be wrong and ineffective and should be corrected, even to the extent of giving up enticing federal money which would ensure jail sentences and fines and convictions for DUI.

Medical studies have established that repeated DUI's indicate illness and addiction to alcohol by the offender. One specialist said, "That is an understatement," and they say they are equipped to teach and begin a healing process if the law would send the patients to them, that is patients in all stages of alcoholism.

Rather than ENFORCED jail sentences, which do not heal, bail bondsmen fees, and fines that destroy families economically, what is wrong with ENFORCED weekend confinement and treatment in a detoxification unit which should be established in a wing of every community hospital, followed by also-prolonged enforced treatment in clinics; and this counseling should be done outside of work hours, that life structure not be disrupted. What a field for Christian psychologists!

The laws have gone astray and turned into a witchhunt. Here we have legal alcohol selling without restraint while the law punishes people made desperately ill by it. "A ride home" from a nightmare, indeed! Yet prolonged hospitalization is not indicated as a treatment measure either. The victim of alcoholism is the victim of a habit, and he can be cured by yielding himself to God as the Great Physician. If forced into a learning situation by law, the patient may stumble awhile; but eventually he will begin to use his brain, whereas jail and impossible fines are all downhill.

If the alcohol problem is really faced, the public may begin to wonder what was wrong with prohibition.

Name withheld by request

The true object of education should be to train one to think clearly and act rightly. — Van Dyke

The poorest education that teaches self-control, is better than the best that neglects it.

## Devotional

# How mean was David's sin?

By Olyn Roberts  
II Samuel 11:1-5

Let's begin with Ahithophel — one of the few suicides in all of Bible history! How did David's sin affect this renowned politician? Well, it's quite a story. The 55th Psalm and other Ahithophel psalms indicate that Ahithophel and

David had been bosom friends from their boyhood. Perhaps he never came as close as Jonathan, but he knew David as few were ever to know him. Here is what the Bible says:

"A man, mine equal, my guide, and mine acquaintance. We took sweet counsel together, and walked unto the house of God in company. (Psalm 55:13-14)."

Ahithophel became to David what Harry Hopkins became to Franklin D. Roosevelt, and Colonel House became to Woodrow Wilson. He became David's confidante and most astute advisor.



Roberts

All that Ahithophel was to David in the council-chamber — so also was Eliam, Ahithophel's only son, in the army.

The father's splendid talents for counsel in the State Department came out in the shape of soldierly service in the son; and the son was as devoted to David in the field as his father was in the chamber.

Now, Eliam had a daughter at home, a beautiful woman-child, who was the one ewe lamb of her father Eliam and her grandfather Ahithophel. And it so happened that Eliam had a very trusty under-officer among the captains of the guard, whose name was Uriah.

With his whole soul Uriah loved Eliam's daughter, Bathsheba, and both Eliam and Ahithophel gave to young Uriah the desire of his heart.

David's devoted bodyguard had their quarters built for them in the city of David, just under the walls of David's palace; and when Uriah came home on furlough, he was the happiest man in all Jerusalem with such a wife, and with Eliam and with Ahithophel.

As time went on, and as Ahithophel counselled for David, and as Eliam and Uriah fought for David, David's power increased till the king of Israel denied himself nothing on which he had once set his heart.

Space will not permit a detailed description of David's sin but he committed adultery with Ahithophel's granddaughter, Bathsheba, and to cover his sin had her husband, Uriah, murdered.

It does not need an oracle of God to tell us how Ahithophel took the ruin of his granddaughter and the murder of her husband.

Ahithophel would have been more than a saint to have continued after all that to "take sweet counsel" with David, and to go to church arm in arm with him.

Ahithophel shook the dust off his feet and then returned home out of the city of David to his own city of Giloh. The kingdom was jarred to the foundations.

Ahithophel was disgusted and nauseated, and undoubtedly his faith in virtue and righteousness was shaken.

Ahithophel was hurt and bruised.

The nightmare of David's aftermath is found in Psalm 88. That's how a man feels in moral misery.

David's sin had shaken the nation. The nation's number one hero had become the nation's number one heel in the eyes of the public opinion. Such is the wreckage that Satan can strew with one little incendiary.

One sin in our lives can wipe out a lot of good and valuable living.

II Samuel 15:12, 31; II Samuel 16:20-23; II Samuel 17:6-7, 14-15; and 23 reveal that Ahithophel aligned himself with Absalom against David. In II Samuel 17:23 Ahithophel commits suicide when Absalom ceases following his counsel.

How mean was David's sin? Only eternity will really reveal this, but would Ahithophel have committed suicide had David not committed adultery with his granddaughter, Bathsheba?

Sin affects many people. I heard my dear friend, C. A. Melton, preach once on sin and one statement he made stuck with me when he said, "There are certain results of sin that can never be done away with, neither by time nor repentance."

Olyn Roberts is director of missions, Adams and Union associations.

## Ministry to aging group elects Roger Hauser president

DALLAS (BP) — Approximately 80 persons representing 16 states attended the annual national meeting of the Southern Baptist Association of Ministries with the Aging (SBAMA) at North Texas State University in Denton, Feb. 16-18.

Featured speakers included Bill Blackburn, pastor of Trinity Baptist Church in Kerrville, Texas; David Oliver, director of the gerontology program at St. Paul School of Theology in Kansas City, Kan.; and Darrel Watkins, professor of social work, Southwestern Seminary in Fort Worth.

Officers elected were: Roger

Hauser of Savannah, Ga., president; Mary Gellerstedt of Atlanta, first vice-president; Ross Parrott of Phoenix, Ariz., second vice-president; Jimmy Dusek of Orlando, Fla., vice-president for church and denomination; Lucian Coleman of Fort Worth, Texas, vice-president for educational institutions; Hoyle Jackson of Asheville, N.C., vice-president for long-term care; and B.J. Dier, Jr., Santa Rosa Beach, Fla., secretary-treasurer.

The 1988 SBAMA meeting is scheduled for Feb. 14-16 in Phoenix, Ariz.



## Faces And Places

by anne washburn mcwilliams

### "This is geographical theology"

**Palestinian Gardens.** I kept seeing that on Mississippi maps until my curiosity made me stop, in George County, 12 miles north of Lucedale, 6.5 miles east of U.S. Highway 98. The gardens are not flower gardens, but they are in a lovely quiet green place. This month, after being closed for the winter months, they will re-open. April-August is busy season there.

"This is geographical theology," one woman said. To me it is intriguing that the garden, in topography, is a scale model of Israel from Mt. Hermon to the Dead Sea. The scale of distance is one yard per mile.

As I walked up the hill from the "Dead Sea" to "Jericho" and "Jerusalem," I remembered the terrain of the country that was long known as Palestine.

One morning last fall I met W. Harvell Jackson, the minister who created the gardens in 1956, and Mrs. Jackson. Jim Kirkpatrick, administrator, caretaker, and tour guide, pointed out to me the sites of interest.

Jackson, a former pastor of the Presbyterian church in Lucedale, said he got the idea for Palestinian Gardens while he was a student in Columbia Seminary in Atlanta. A professor who had set foot on every place mentioned in the Bible said to him,

"You will never really understand the Bible apart from the places where the events occurred." The writers of the various books of the Bible, he said, wrote from their own viewpoints, as influenced by place. Their use of illustrations, their figures of speech were influenced by place.

Jackson said he began to study the Bible in relationship to place. "As far as we know," he said, "Christ never lived any place but Palestine — except in Egypt as a baby."

With his wife and daughter, Jackson moved to Lucedale from Citronelle, Ala. "The Lord led us here," he declares. He was looking for a place to approximate the geography of the Holy Land — the river, seas, hills, slopes, corresponding to those in Israel.

Palestinian Gardens is incorporated as a non-profit organization.

The buildings in the miniature "cities" — Nazareth, Bethlehem, Capernaum, and others — are made of concrete blocks, the windows and doors cut with a masonry trowel. These have withstood hurricanes, rainstorms, and sub-zero weather. "Wood would have been gone by now, victims of termites or rotting," said Jackson. Hurricane Frederick blew eight logs across the gardens, but on-

ly a few blocks were damaged. Occasionally, the root of a tree will push up a "building."

In the beginning, an effort was made to grow plants in the gardens similar to those that grow in the Holy Land. However, the climate and the humidity were not right, and most of them died. Mississippi is too cold, too rainy, or too humid for many of hot, dry Israel's native plants. A mustard tree survived for a while, but the cold finally killed it.

As I entered the garden, I was confronted with a small stream, the Jordan River, which a little to my left ended in a pond, the Dead Sea. Winding up the Jericho Road, I saw the Inn of the Good Samaritan and then a cave near Bethlehem. I stopped at Jerusalem to see the tiny Garden Tomb. Near Nazareth I examined the "cliff" where the people planned to push Jesus over the edge.

This Sea of Galilee in Mississippi is a tiny lake, much higher in elevation than the Dead Sea (which is 1,300 feet below sea level) and it has lily pads growing on it near Capernaum and the place where Matthew sat to collect taxes.

The Mediterranean Sea is a much larger lake than the Sea of Galilee.



The Garden Tomb is at center, forefront.



The Dead Sea is Palestinian Gardens' lowest point.

And Mt. Hermon is the highest promontory in the garden. The pine trees and other Mississippi vegetation made me have to stretch my imagination a bit to see Israel here, but the elevations are right. The tour guide points out the places of many Bible

events. I have to agree that this is "geographical theology." Because I have always liked to study the Bible in relation to its places, the Palestinian Gardens to me were interesting, educational, and inspirational. I was definitely glad I stopped by.



Jim Kirkpatrick and W. Harvell Jackson greet a visitor to Palestinian Gardens.

## SCRAPBOOK

### A gift from the Artist

It happened in the spring. For some reason that spring seemed different from all the rest. To a person who loved fall best, it was a shock to see the beauty budding forth from bushes and vines that had seemed dead a short while before.

On my way to work that week I passed the same house every day. It seemed that the gardener had landscaped this yard with as much care and thoughtfulness as God had the Garden of Eden.

As I viewed the beauty, the joy of this spring bubbled and overflowed from within me in praise to God, the Creator. I rejoiced in his handiwork, as I told him, "Oh, God! You are an artist. You are a wonderful Creator. The red camellias are beautiful. I want one."

Sunday night of that week I was in church. Before the services started, a young man came up to me with his hands behind his back. "Linda," he said, "as I was walking across my mama's yard, it seemed that the Lord told me to bring you this." He brought forth his hand, holding a branch with six red camellias on it.

### The robins are here

This morning is crisp and foggy.  
It rained last night; the earth is boggy.  
I heard pleasant chirping just past dawn,  
I saw a breath of spring on my lawn.  
I saw a lovely sight before my eyes.  
The robins are here, commanding the skies.  
They have no cares; they trust God to feed,  
By natural instinct he will lead.  
The beauty they have most have not known.  
They'll stop and feed here; soon they'll fly on.  
Think of the Christian traveling earth's way —  
Surely he should have no cares today.  
He can trust God each day for his need.  
Always on the right path God will lead.  
He gives beauty the world doesn't know,  
Promise of heaven where soon one may go.

—Betty Sauls, Columbia

### Unaware

A simple smile  
Was all she gave,  
A gentle nod  
A tiny wave  
Yet calmed the fear,  
Vanquished distress;  
So unaware  
Her power to bless.

A hasty word  
Fell from her lips,  
Rejection's tone  
Wounds as it whips  
And crushes hope,  
And shakes a star;  
So unaware  
She left a scar.

—Erma Jewel Crowe  
Greenville

### The image of March

I stand amazed that the bleak  
weathered azalea bush, frostily meek,  
shivering in hypothermia, could renew  
herself blithely at heaven's secret cue  
and breathe forth from tombs  
a thousand dazzling purple blooms.

But I've been mystified by God's miracle before,  
and in time I shall awake with courage once more.

—Violet Tackett  
McComb

### Challenger launch director recalls 'cloud of smoke'

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. (BP) — A year after the Challenger disaster, the man who had the final say on the space shuttle launch remains shadowed by the "cloud of smoke" 73 seconds into flight.

Launch Director Gene Thomas did some remembering Jan. 27 from the pulpit of First Baptist Church here to more than 1,000 Palm Beach Atlantic College students, including his 21-year-old son who is studying for the ministry. He told students at the Southern Baptist college that religion carried him through the catastrophe that shook the nation and its space program.

"There is no way to explain what you feel when you see a cloud of white smoke and know something is wrong," he said, noting, his first reaction was to say to himself, "Why me, Lord? Why in the world would this happen to me?"

"God told me I shouldn't worry, that he was still in control of everything," said Thomas, director of safety, reliability, and quality assurance for NASA.

"I certainly thought about quitting, but you don't quit," Thomas said of his career with NASA. Instead, he assumed the safety position with the space agency. "I told my wife I never want to be launch director again."

"There's no way to describe how it feels," he said of the disaster. That day, after 24 hours at the cape, he went home and cried.



## The Mississippi Mission

### BOX SCORES

Each church is considering a suggested minimum goal (Great Commitment) and maximum goal (Greater Commitment). The target range gives each church an idea of what is required to achieve success for the Mississippi Mission. Listed below are the results of churches reporting this week!

Great Commitment (minimum target) Subscribed		
Church	Goal	Pledged
Hopewell, Water Valley	3-4,000	\$3,000
New Hebron, New Hebron	28-32,000	30,000
Algoma, Algoma	10-11,000	10,000
Greater Commitment (challenge target) Subscribed!		
Flora, Flora	26-30,000	\$30,000
Congregational Gifts Division Total		
Pledged To Date \$2,009,711.97		

## Guenther predicts victory in Crowder-SBC lawsuit

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP) — The attorney who has represented the Southern Baptist Convention in a lawsuit against the nation's largest Protestant denomination told the body's Executive Committee Feb. 16 he expects final victory in the case but expressed regret at what the dispute has cost.

James P. Guenther of the Nashville, Tenn., firm of Guenther and Jordan reported developments in the suit brought against the SBC by Robert S. and Julia Crowder of Birmingham, Ala., and other plaintiffs.

Alluding to the estimated \$200,000 which defense of the Crowder suit has cost the SBC thus far, Guenther reviewed earlier developments in the case, including a decision last year by U.S. District Judge Robert Hall of Atlanta that his court lacked jurisdiction because the dispute centered on church polity. Hall's decision cited the constitutional doctrine of separation of church and state in rejecting the Crowder complaint.

That complaint centered on alleged parliamentary irregularities during the 1985 annual meeting of the convention in Dallas. Named as one of the defendants was former SBC President Charles F. Stanley of Atlanta, who according to the lawsuit, violated denominational bylaws and standard parliamentary procedure by refusing to allow a challenge to a slate of his nominees.

After losing in district court, the Crowders and their co-plaintiffs asked the 11th Circuit Court of Appeals, also in Atlanta, to reverse the lower panel and vacate its judgment on grounds of mootness. Their attorneys argued that because the challenged slate of Stanley nominees had com-

pleted their assignment, that part of their legal claim was no longer relevant to the case.

But Guenther argued against the move to vacate — or set aside — the lower finding.

Earlier this winter, the 11th Circuit Court sided with Guenther, and written briefs on the case's merits were filed by both sides. Oral arguments are scheduled for March 23.

Guenther told the Executive Committee that whether Southern Baptists agree with Stanley's parliamentary decisions in Dallas or not, "we would all abhor the idea of a federal judge serving as parliamentarian of the Southern Baptist Convention" or the notion that federal marshalls be present at annual meetings to enforce a judge's orders.

He also said: "When we began the defense of this case, we understood that there was more to it than merely winning. In the process of winning, we did not want to make any misrepresentation of fact. We wanted to champion Baptist polity. We wanted to minimize in every way we could the divisiveness this suit represented."

At stake in the case, he said, is the freedom of a church body to conduct its own business without interference from the state, a right rooted in the free exercise clause of the First Amendment.

Noting legal documents attached to the case now occupy 12 feet of file space and as many as half-dozen lawyers have worked on it at a given time, Guenther said he expects the 11th Circuit Court to side with the convention. He also expressed the hope the plaintiffs do not appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court if they lose in the Atlanta court.

## Mississippi Baptist Seminary will celebrate Founder's Day

Mississippi Baptist Seminary will celebrate its 45th Founder's Day on March 14. The event will be observed at the Farish Street Baptist Church in Jackson from 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Church development workshops and lunch will be provided at no cost. To make reservations, please call 944-1741 or write: Founder's Day, Mississippi Baptist Seminary, P. O. Box 10201, Jackson, MS 39209.

# Committee proposes \$140 million for Cooperative Program budget

By Marv Knox

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP) — The Southern Baptist Convention's Executive Committee has proposed a record \$140 million budget for the 1987-88 SBC Cooperative Program.

Messengers to the convention's annual meeting will vote on the budget when they meet in St. Louis, June 16-18. If approved, the budget — a 2.9 percent increase over the current \$136 million budget — will go into effect Oct. 1.

The Cooperative Program is a convention-wide budget used to support evangelistic, missionary, and educational enterprises around the world. Money is channeled from church members to their congregations, to state conventions, and to national and international causes. The \$140 million budget represents the goal for financing causes beyond the state level.

Allocation of the budget is divided into three sections: a first-phase basic operating budget of \$132 million, a capital needs budget of \$6.45 million, and a second-phase operating budget of \$1.55 million. Funds will not be allocated to the capital needs budget until the first-phase operating budget is met, and funds will not be allocated to the second-phase operating budget until all current and previous capital needs budget are met.

The first-phase basic operating budget targets funds to 19 convention entities. It represents a 4.24 percent increase over the current \$126.63 million first-phase operating budget.

The lion's share of this phase is designated for the convention's Foreign Mission Board, which is to receive \$66 million, or 50 percent of the total. The next-largest recipient is theological education, with the six SBC seminaries set to receive more than \$26.8 million, or 20.32 percent of the goal. The SBC Home Mission Board is to receive almost \$25.8 million, or 19.54 percent.

The largest percentage increase is allocated to the SBC operating portion of the budget. It is to receive almost \$2.85 million, or 2.16 percent of the total. That is a 44.01 percent increase over the current \$1.98 million allocation.

Three factors made that increase necessary, reported John C. Cothan, a layman from Greenville, S.C., and chairman of the Executive Committee's program and budget subcommittee:

First, the convention operating section jumped 51.94 percent to more than \$1.12 million because of the demand of providing for larger convention halls and larger and more equipment necessary to conduct larger SBC annual meetings.

Fueled by theological-political controversy within the convention, the past two annual meetings have involved more than 40,000 messengers, more than double the previous average size of such gatherings.

Second, a line item of \$250,000 was added to the proposed budget to replace money borrowed from the convention's reserve funds that paid for unbudgeted expenses of the two recent mammoth annual meetings.

Third, another line item of \$200,000 was added to pay legal costs of defending the convention in Crowder, et al. v. SBC, et al., and other pending lawsuits. The Crowder suit was brought by a group of messengers to the 1985 annual meeting in Dallas who claimed their rights were violated by alleged parliamentary irregularities. Cothan noted the convention already had paid \$182,000 on the suit as of Jan. 13 and added that figure will increase as the appeal process continues. The suit initially was ruled in the SBC's favor, but the plaintiffs have appealed.

These three factors and two others — decreased revenue from the SBC Sunday School Board and expense on the two-year-old SBC Building in Nashville, Tenn. — were noted during the business and finance subcommittee's report on the 1985-86 SBC operating budget.

Tim A. Hedquist, vice-president for business and finance, noted decreased revenues from the Sunday School Board resulted when the board's net income was lower than projected.

Hedquist also explained the interest expense on the SBC Building was higher than expected because the 1985-86 capital needs budget was not met. Consequently, the convention paid only \$167,000 of \$4.5 million targeted for the building. The remainder is to be paid through the 1986-87 capital needs budget.

The \$6.45 million 1987-88 capital needs budget allocates funds to eight SBC entities: Home Mission Board, \$600,000; Golden Gate Seminary, \$900,000; Midwestern Seminary, \$1.07 million; New Orleans Seminary, \$500,000; Southeastern Seminary, \$580,000; Southern Seminary, \$1 million; Southwestern Seminary, \$400,000; and the Radio and Television Commission, \$1.4 million.

The \$1.55 million second-phase operating budget will be distributed on the same percentage as the first-phase operating budget if the first-phase operating and capital needs budgets are met. If all three budgets are met, the excess will be distributed to the Foreign Mission Board, 50 percent; Home Mission Board, 20 percent; seminaries, 15 percent; and Radio and Television Commission, 15 percent.

The only challenge to the proposed budget was an amendment offered by Kenneth R. Barnett, pastor from Lakewood, Colo. He suggested adding \$200,000 to Golden Gate Seminary's \$2,528,946 allocation by removing \$100,000 each from Southwestern Seminary's allocation of more than \$7.8 million and Southern Seminary's allocation of almost \$5.8 million.

"Golden Gate is our only seminary out West," Barnett said in explanation. "We have a huge obligation out West, and the (seminary) funding formula allocation is too small." Golden Gate "started out \$40,000 in the red last year," he added, noting the cost of living in the San Francisco area, where Golden Gate is located, is much higher than the cost of living at the other five seminaries.

"The seminaries did make some adjustment this year to allow Golden

Gate to get more than it has been receiving," noted Charles W. Sullivan, pastor from Lenoir City, Tenn. The seminary funding formula provides the basis for allocating funds between the six seminaries, based primarily on average enrollment.

Barnett's amendment was defeated, but the Executive Committee later approved a revised seminary funding formula through the 1989-90 budget year, in consultation with the six seminary presidents and with the agreement any seminary can ask for a review any year.

Marv Knox is features editor for Baptist Press.

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# Rogers is undecided about a second term

By Ferrell Foster

NEW ORLEANS (BP) — Adrian Rogers says he has not decided yet whether he will allow himself to be nominated for a second term as president of the Southern Baptist Convention.

However, the current SBC president said, "Probably at this point I'm more inclined to, than not to. But, that certainly is not settled, by any stretch of the imagination, in my heart and mind. I do realize, however, that I need to make up my mind moderately soon about this," Rogers said.

Rogers' comments came during a news conference at New Orleans Seminary. He was on the campus to preach in the seminary's regular chapel service held Feb. 10.

The pastor of Bellevue Baptist Church in Memphis, Tenn., said his visit to the seminary had significance only in that "I love and appreciate this seminary, and I'm grateful for the atmosphere on the New Orleans campus and the reverence for the Word of God that is here." Rogers graduated from New Orleans Seminary in 1958 with the bachelor of divinity degree.

During the chapel service, Rogers said, "The key to living the Christian life is knowing who you are in Christ." Once we have accepted who we are in Christ, we are free to accept each other, he said.

Rogers, a member of the SBC Peace Committee, was asked during the news conference if he expected the committee to recommend that denominational workers be required to sign a statement of theological orthodoxy.

"No, I don't," Rogers said. "But, I want you to understand I'm speaking very unilaterally there. I don't think the mindset that I read in the Peace Committee is so much of a statement as it is a standard."

"We just want to have a standard toward which we work," he said, adding, "The convention, in toto, must set that standard. And, we have every right to expect those who serve us and receive a salary from us to fairly represent what the constituency wants taught."

Rogers also reiterated his support for the Glorieta Statement made by the presidents of the six SBC-owned seminaries. "The Glorieta Statement said that the Bible is not errant in any area of reality," Rogers said. "Not errant and inerrant are synonymous. . . . The second part, in any area of reality, what is reality? Reality is what's real — history, science, philosophy. So, that's a very strong statement."

Ferrell Foster writes for New Orleans Seminary.

# HMB will answer letters about no financial support for women pastors

ATLANTA (BP) — The executive committee of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board has voted to respond to letters concerning a new policy that no financial support be given in the future to a woman serving as pastor of a local church.

The motion was presented by Barbara Fain of Dunwoody, Ga., who asked that the board of directors as a whole respond to letters referring to the policy adopted by the board in October.

The October action came from an ordination study committee that recommended "no change in our relationship to ordained women presently serving; however, we recommend no financial support be given in the future for a woman serving as pastor of a local church."

The new policy neither prevents ordained women from being appointed as missionaries or endorsement of ordained women chaplains, nor does it withdraw financial support from any woman currently receiving Home Mission Board support.

During the January meeting of the board's executive committee, Fain said she and other board members had received a number of letters from associations, churches, and individuals concerning the policy. The board should have an overall consistent response to such letters, rather than each board member writing a personal reply, she noted.

The board's executive committee voted to acknowledge letters addressed to the trustees with an official response expressing appreciation for their writing and encouraging continued prayer support for the Home Mission Board and the directors. No response statement, however, was adopted by the directors, other than the brief motion made by Fain.

In other business, the board elected three staff members.

Phyllis Thompson of Atlanta, associate editor of the board's magazine, *MissionsUSA*, for the past eight years, was promoted to editor of that magazine. Thompson, a native of North Carolina, succeeds Everett

Hullum, who resigned last August.

Quentin Lockwood of Atlanta, director of the rural-urban missions department, was promoted to associate director of the associational missions division. He will assist the division director in training and support of the 935 associational directors of missions.

Gerald F. Hutchinson Jr., church and community ministries director of New River Baptist Association in Jacksonville, N.C., was elected assistant director of the church and community ministries department. He will help provide leadership and administrative assistance to churches,

associations and state conventions developing church and community ministries.

The board approved for appointment two missionaries, six missionary associates, four church planter apprentices and two national consultants.

Also approved were eight for language pastoral assistance, 36 for field personnel assistance, four student mission pastors, and 26 mission pastors.

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# Carey names Don Stewart alumnus of the year

HATTIESBURG — Don Stewart, executive vice president of New Orleans Seminary, received Carey's 1987 "Outstanding Alumnus Award" at the college's homecoming luncheon on Saturday.

While at Carey, Stewart was named Mr. William Carey College in the senior year and was also the men's student government president.

During his senior year and for three years after graduation from Carey in 1957 (cum laude), Stewart served as associate pastor at Immanuel Church, Hattiesburg. He then attended New Orleans Seminary where he earned a bachelor's degree in divinity (1960) and a doctorate in theology (1965).

While pursuing his degrees from NOBTS, Stewart was pastor of Perkinson Baptist Church from 1958-1963. From 1963-1965, Stewart held the position as dean of students at Carey before serving as chairman of the department of religion and philosophy from 1965-1978. During the

years 1971-1975, he was also pastor of First Church, Glendale.

Stewart's wife, the former Mona Daughdrill of Lumberton, earned bachelor's and master's degrees from William Carey College and holds a master's degree in religious education from NOBTS. She currently teaches Bible and communications courses at Carey's School of Nursing in New Orleans.

The Stewarts have three children who all are Carey graduates: James, minister of youth at First Church, Gulfport and a student at NOBTS; Sandra Lynn Sparrow, a math teacher and the wife of the assistant director of the California Baptist Assembly; and Donna Jean Mansfield, a member of First Church, Gulfport.

Their daughter-in-law and one son-in-law are also Carey graduates.

The Stewarts consider Hattiesburg their home, with First and Temple as their home churches. They are currently members of First Church, New Orleans.

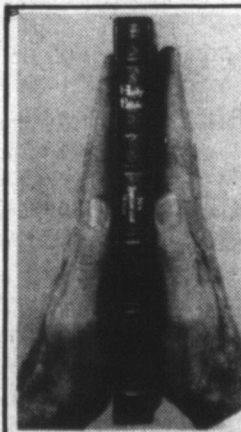
## A reminder to organists

A Key Leader Seminar for Church Organists will be held March 12, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the Sky Room of the Baptist Building.

For further information, contact the Church Music Department, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board (phone 968-3800).

## Mississippi Baptist activities

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| Mar. 8     | Home Missions Day in the Sunday School (SS Emphasis)                                  |
| Mar. 9     | Baptist Doctrine Preview Study; Temple BC, Hattiesburg; 9 a.m.-Noon (CT)              |
| Mar. 10    | Baptist Doctrine Preview Study; Baptist Building; 9 a.m.-Noon (CT)                    |
| Mar. 11    | Baptist Doctrine Preview Study; FBC, Oxford; 9 a.m.-Noon (CT)                         |
| Mar. 12    | Key Leader Seminar; Baptist Building; 9:30-3:30 p.m. (CM)                             |
| Mar. 12-13 | Statewide Church Extension Conference; Baptist Building; Noon, 12th-Noon, 13th (CoMi) |



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## Names in the News

Guy Hovis a native of Tupelo, will give a sacred music concert at Daniel Memorial Church, 3784 Terry Road, Jackson, March 8, at 7 p.m. He has been on national television since 1967. In 1970 he became a regular member of The Lawrence Welk Show where he was half of the husband and wife singing team of Guy and Ralna.

Byron Malone is pastor.

Christian artist Karla Worley will appear in concert at Colonial Heights Church, Jackson, March 8. She travels with the Bill Gaither Trio on tour, featured in concert on the duet with Larnelle Harris, "I've Just Seen Jesus." A resident of Nashville, Tenn., she records background vocals for such artists as Steve Green, Pat Boone, Larnelle Harris, and Sandi Patti. She is also a songwriter and creator of various products for church choir. The concert will begin at 7 p.m. Admission is free, and a love offering will be taken.

LOUISVILLE, KY. (BP) — David R. Wilkinson has been named vice president for seminary relations at Southern Seminary here.

Wilkinson, 32, has been director of news and information services for the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission in Nashville, Tenn., since 1984.

Wilkinson will direct the seminary's

communications program and will supervise placement and prospective student services and alumni relations.

Wilkinson was Southern Seminary's director of communications for three years while pursuing a master of divinity degree before rejoining the staff of the Christian Life Commission in 1984.

Retired Southern Baptist missionary Hubert K. Middleton, 68, died of heart failure Feb. 21 in Winston-Salem, N.C. The North Carolinian and his wife, Jean, worked as missionaries for more than 30 years in Chile, where they became renowned in later years for their nationwide travels in a 14-foot camper. In 1979 they spent 104 days on the road, working with Chilean Baptists and sharing the gospel. "Have camper, will witness" was their motto. Middleton taught for many years at the Baptist Theological Seminary in Santiago, where his wife also taught and worked as librarian (FMB) Photo

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LOUISVILLE, Ky. (BP) — University of Kentucky administrator Donald B. Clapp has been named executive vice president at Southern

Seminary here.

Clapp, a 50-year-old Southern Baptist layman, has worked for the University of Kentucky for 24 years. Since 1985 he has been executive vice chancellor for administration at the university's medical center in Lexington, managing the administrative and financial operations of a health sciences center with five colleges and a teaching hospital. He also has served the university as vice president for administration, executive assistant to the president and budget director.

Mrs. Rose R. Weems, 91, of Walnut Grove, died Dec. 21. She was a member of New Hope Church for 76 years, taught Sunday School, and sang in the choir.

HATTIESBURG — The annual Staley Distinguished Scholar Series lectures were held at William Carey College March 2-4.

The speaker this year was John Newport, vice president for academic affairs and provost at Southwestern Seminary.

Newport has written 14 books in the areas of philosophy, biblical interpretations, theology, demonology, contemporary art forms, and church history.



Middleton



Newport

## Black or white, "all need Christ"

By Barbara Denman

greater Los Angeles area.

After only two years in that position, Kelly was tapped when California Baptists created the position of black church development missionary.

In his new assignment, Kelly helps orient black Southern Baptist churches and make the state convention sensitive to the needs of the black constituency.



As director of black church relations for the state of California, home missionary Tom Kelly has a burden for the 22 million unchurched and unsaved Californians, regardless of race and ethnic origin.

Where Southern Baptists once relied on dual alignment of National Baptist churches, Kelly is leading the convention in the area of starting new work in black communities.

Kelly believes there is better denominational participation by black churches built from the ground floor than from dually-aligned churches.

"If we can start a Bible study in the home and nurture it, we will soon have a participating, thriving Southern Baptist church," he said.

With 200 predominantly black churches, California now leads the states in the number of black Southern Baptist churches. To communicate with all 200 churches, Kelly has created a network of liaisons within the black churches.

Kelly is counting on Southern Baptists to support him in his efforts to win all of California, black and white, to Christ. He believes they all can have a part in his ministry by supporting the March 1-8 Week of Prayer for Home Missions and by giving to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering.

## MC ranks high in earned doctoral degrees

Mississippi College ranks among the topmost private colleges in America whose graduates advance to earn doctoral degrees according to figures released in a recent national survey that focused on data from 836 private four-year institutions of higher education.

The study, compiled by the Office of Institutional Research at Franklin and Marshall (PA) College and bas-

ed on information obtained from the National Research Council, disclosed that Mississippi College ranked number 70 in the nation among colleges whose graduates received doctorates during the 1920-1984 time period.

The 70th ranking placed Mississippi College third among Southern Baptist colleges and universities and sixth among all colleges in the South. There

were no other Mississippi institutions ranked among the top 100 colleges and universities.

Mississippi College led the nation in one category, exceeding all other colleges in the number of doctorates in professional fields such as theology, business, and law.

If life were as easy as we wish, most of us would sleep all through it.

## North Delta calls Jim Harris as ministry center director

Jim Harris, a native of Simpson County, has begun work in the North Delta Association as ministry center director.



Harris

His responsibilities in the association include directing the ministry center and assisting the churches in planning, promoting, and coordinating their educational, missions, and ministry programs.

Harris is also pastor of Hollywood Church, Sledge. He and his wife, the former Donnis Lassetter of Forest, have one son, James, and are expecting their second child in June.

Harris served on staff at Lamar Heights Church, Memphis, as minister of music and as minister of music at Oak Grove Church, Mendenhall. He is a graduate of

Mississippi College and earned a master of divinity degree from Mid-America Seminary in Memphis.

## Missionaries on furlough

Missionaries on furlough in Mississippi include the following persons.

Glenn and Patt Bien, Bangladesh, Rt. 2, Box 137-A, Coldwater; Rodrick and Caroline Conerly, Peru, 721 East Northside Drive, Jackson; David and Ollie Mayhall, West Africa, 100 Georgia Ave., Hattiesburg; John and Nell Smith, Indonesia, 2334 Coronet Place, Jackson; David and Linda Finnell, Singapore, 3331 Old Canton Road, Jackson (medical furlough); John and Jerry Hilbun, Barbados, 919 Reaves St., Jackson; Rachel Dubard, Liberia, Rt. 1, Box 87, Carrollton.

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6:00	Changed Lives One in the Spirit	Vegetable Soup Cope	Villa Alegre Cope	Sunshine Factory Cope	Carrasco-Lencas Cope	Infinity Factory Cope	Moody Science Family Foundations
7:00	Catch the Spirit This is the Life	Sunshine Factory	Sunshine Factory	Sunshine Factory	Sunshine Factory	Sunshine Factory	Sunday School Lesson Dawey and Gosh
8:00	Methodist Hour	Prime Timers Country Crossroads	Prophet Great Churches	Word of Life In Concert	Human Dimension Great Churches	All Home With the Bible Invitation to Life	Sunshine Factory Gigawatt Hotel
9:00	In Touch	Que Pasa	Bill Cosby	Shari Lewis	Mickey Rooney	Reboop	Shaggy the Kangaroo Lone Ranger Carson
10:00	Joy of Music Gloria	Life Today	Life Today	Life Today	Life Today	Life Today	Coco Kid Our World
11:00	ACTS Presby-terian Hour	Sunshine Factory Sargent Preston	Sunshine Factory Sargent Preston	Sunshine Factory Sargent Preston	Sunshine Factory Sargent Preston	Sunshine Factory Sargent Preston	In Concert
12:00	The Baptist Hour	Lesse	Lesse	Lesse	Lesse	Lesse	Country Crossroads
1:00	Christopher Closeup The Sunday Selections	Sunshine Factory Psychiatry and You	Sunshine Factory Psychiatry and You	Sunshine Factory Psychiatry and You	Sunshine Factory Psychiatry and You	Sunshine Factory Psychiatry and You	Jim Houston Outdoors Super Handyman
2:00		Cope Daily	Cope Daily	Cope Daily	Cope Daily	Cope Daily	Plant Groom David Wade
3:00	Great Churches	Encore Theatre	Encore Theatre	Encore Theatre	Encore Theatre	Encore Theatre	Dawey and Gosh Sunshine Factory
4:00	Joy of Music Gloria	Sargent Preston	Sargent Preston	Sargent Preston	Sargent Preston	Sargent Preston	Gigawatt Hotel Country Crossroads
5:00	ACTS Presby-terian Hour	Lesse	Lesse	Lesse	Lesse	Lesse	Jim Houston Outdoors
6:00	This is the Life Methodist Hour	Bill Cosby Life Today	Shari Lewis Life Today	Mickey Rooney Life Today	Dawey and Gosh Life Today	Lone Ranger Carson Life Today	Shaggy the Kangaroo Lone Ranger Carson
7:00	Changed Lives	Prophet	Word of Life	Music Is	First Things First	Prime Timers	Coco Kid
8:00	One in the Spirit Catch the Spirit	Great Churches	In Concert	Great Churches	Invitation to Life	Country Crossroads	In Concert
9:00	Baptist Hour Evening Worship	Cope	Cope	Cope	Cope	Cope	Moody Science Family Foundations
10:00	Christopher Closeup Sunday Selection	Encore Theatre	Encore Theatre	Encore Theatre	Encore Theatre	Encore Theatre	Sunday School Lesson This is the Life
11:00		Bill Cosby	Shari Lewis	Mickey Rooney	Reboop	Que Pasa	Christopher Closeup Westbrook Hospital
12:00	ACTS Presby-terian Hour	Life Today	Life Today	Life Today	Life Today	Life Today	Our World In Concert
1:00		Prophet	Word of Life In Concert	Music Is	First Things First	Prime Timers	Super Handyman
2:00	Methodist Hour	Cope	Cope	Cope	Cope	Cope	Plant Groom David Wade
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## Just for the Record



**Northminster Church, Jackson**, has broken ground on an addition which will provide space for education and fellowship. The 14,000 square foot building, designed by architect Jim Eley, will complete a quadrangle to the south of the present structure and will feature a courtyard and a bell tower. Construction by Nickles and Wells of the approximately \$1.5 million dollar structure will take about one year. The building committee is led by Dick Barnes, Sr. and Leland Speed.

Pictured are Dick Barnes, Sr., co-chairman of the building committee; John Thomason, pastor; Ed Wall, chairman of deacons; and Jim Eley, architect.



**Oakview Church, New Albany**, recently held a ground breaking ceremony for its new multi-purpose building. The building, which is expected to be completed by the end of summer, will consist of a larger fellowship hall, additional Sunday School space, and a recreation area for the youth.

Pictured, left to right, are James (Doc) Chism, Henry Frazier, Dean Smith, Larry Roberts, Mayes Reed, and Haynes Reed. Larry Harrison is the pastor.



**Cedar Grove Church, Greene Association**, recently held a note burning ceremony. An anonymous gift of \$3,000 enabled the church to retire this debt on the pastorum, which was built in 1985.

Pictured are the trustees, deacons, staff, and building committee: Gerald Walley; Darwin Smith; Samuel Walley; Stance Smith; Wayne Smith; Bill Ricks, minister of music; Jimmy Walley; Mitch Harris, pastor; Anthony Smith; Dizzy Breland; Jimmy Hunt; and L. E. Smith.

**GAs from Southway Church, Brookhaven**, celebrated Valentine's Day with a Mother-Daughter Banquet in fellowship hall.

Daveen McCullough, GA director, gave a talk and welcomed the guests. Recognition of special guests followed with GAs introducing their mothers.

Paul Hill, pastor, gave the invocation. Bonnie and Carlton Brown and Nakishia Nash presented the music.

Shirley Nash, associate director of deaf ministry at Easthaven Church, Brookhaven, shared her testimony on how God had led her to use her hands to tell of his love.

GA leaders are Becky Bennett, Debbie Barlow, and Julia Richardson.

**Natural Family Planning Sessions**, sponsored by Mississippi Baptist Medical Center, are being offered Monday, March 9, at 7 p.m. The sessions are designed to help couples plan for or prevent pregnancy and are tailored to each couple's need. To register or to receive more information call 982-7642.



**The Singing Buccaneers**, Baptist College at Charleston's student musical group, will perform at First Church, Meridian, March 19 and at First Baptist Church in Biloxi on March 22.

The group, directed by David W. Cuttino, was formed shortly after the college opened in 1965. It toured Europe, gave concerts in Washington, D.C. and recorded music of the people of Daufuskie Island.

Cuttino, who also serves as chairman of the Baptist College music department, says most of the 40 singers are South Carolina natives. They are selected after auditioning.

**Cruger Church, Cruger**, will have a dedication service for its recently completed sanctuary, March 15, at 3 p.m.

Howard E. Spell, former pastor of Cruger Church, will bring the dedicatory message. A reception is planned following the dedication.

A dedication service for the recently renovated sanctuary of **Carson Church, Jefferson Davis County**, will be held March 8. Plans for the day include a regular worship service at 11:00 followed by dinner on the ground. The dedication service will begin at 1:30 with the pastor, Randall Walker, speaking.

## Staff Changes

**James K. Burke**, of Gulfport, has accepted a call as bivocational pastor of North Hills Mission, Wiggins, which is a mission of First Church, Wiggins.

Burke has pastored churches in Alabama and Mississippi, and in pioneer missions in Illinois and Ohio. He and his wife have served on the staff of the Baptist Children's Village.

Burke is a graduate of New Orleans Seminary.

**Brian Pannell** has been called as minister of music and youth of East Louisville Church in Winston Association. He is a native of Gulfport and a student at Clarke College. He is married to the former Teresa Walker of Gulfport. James A. Lewis is pastor.

**Bob England** resigned as pastor of Mt. Olive Church, Tippah Association, effective Feb. 25. He accepted the pastorate of Henning Church, Henning, Tenn. England is a graduate of Blue Mountain College.

**James "Pete" Pearson** has been called as pastor of Sardis Church, Smith Association, effective Feb. 15. He and his wife, Joyce, have two children, Miranda, 9, and Allen, 6.

**DeSoto Church, Shubuta**, has called Joe Lewis, of Rose Hill, to be minister of music and youth. He is presently a student at Jones Jr. College.

**First Church, Lumberton** has called Ernie D. Chaffin of Gulfport, as minister of music and youth. He holds the master of music education from USM and is presently working on the MCM at New Orleans Seminary. He goes from Gulf Gardens Church where he served as minister of music and youth. He is engaged to Michele Larkowsky of Saucier.

## Revival Results

**Sunshine, Pearl**: outreach crusade; 75 professions of faith and/or baptism; five additions by letter; Gary Bowlin, evangelist; Jimmy Swimmer, music evangelist.

**Handsboro, Gulfport**; January Bible Study; 10 professions of faith; Donnie Guy, evangelist, preached from the theme, Be Ye Doers of The Word; Truman Herring, pastor.

Character is made, not born. A goodlooking neighborhood may help, but God-fearing and God-loving parents are the most important.

## Revival Dates

**First, Runnelstown, Hattiesburg**: March 8-11; Henry Freeman, pastor, speaker; Sunday services, Sunday School, 10 a.m., morning worship, 11 a.m., dinner in fellowship hall, noon, Church Training, 6 p.m., evening service, 7 p.m.; Mon.-Wed., 7:30 p.m.; Ricky Holifield, music.

**Bethel, Brandon**: March 8-11; 7:30 p.m.; Jimmy Robertson, pastor, Milldale Church, Zachary, La., evangelist; Danny Greig, Milldale Church, Zachary, La., music; Bob Nations, Jr., pastor.

**Zion Hill, Wesson**: March 15-20; Sunday, 10:45 a.m., followed by dinner on the ground; Mon.-Fri., 7:30 p.m.; Mickey Bounds, W. Monroe, La., evangelist; J. Frank Smith, pastor.

**Pelahatchie, Pelahatchie**: March 29-April 3; services, 7 each evening, and 7 a.m. Mon.-Fri.; Sunday services, 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.; Gordon H. Sansing, evangelist; Barry Corbett, pastor.

**Calvary, Braxton**: Mar. 8-11; services, 7:30 nightly; Sunday, 11 a.m.; Glen Kelly, evangelist, pastor, Oak Grove; music each night by visiting musicians; Henry Bennett, pastor.

**McAdams (Attala)**: March 8-11; youth revival; Sunday, 11 a.m., dinner served following morning service; Sun.-Wed., 7 nightly; Keith Cook, Nashville, evangelist; Joe Styron, Vaiden, music.

**Crowder, Crowder**, March 22-27; morning services, 10 a.m.; evening services, 7 p.m.; Bert Harper, West Jackson Street, Tupelo, evangelist; Charlie Cooper, Rosedale, music; Harvey Sewell, pastor.

**Big Level, Wiggins**: March 22-27; regular Sunday services; 7:30 nightly; Greg Martin, pastor, Commission Road, Long Beach, evangelist; Carlos Gonzales, Biloxi, music; David Grisham, pastor.

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# SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON COMMENTARIES

## Rejecting Christ results in being rejected by God

By Robert M. Hanvey  
Luke 19:47-48; 20:9-19

Have you ever felt rejected? Have you ever felt unwanted? Have you ever felt unnecessary? Have you ever felt unneeded? Perhaps these are, in a way, expressive of Jesus when he was ultimately rejected by those to whom he went to bear the message of salvation. As a matter of fact, our focal passages indicate for us that there are consequences for rejecting Jesus. Just as surely as there were consequences in the lives of those to whom he went, there are consequences in the lives of people today. Rejecting Christ and his way results in being rejected by God and being passed by in God's purpose.

Our concern is that we help adults identify ways which they may be using to reject Christ, and then decide to fully turn to him with all their being. In the 19th chapter of Luke, we find



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that Jesus taught the people to whom he went by means of a parable. While they listened intently, they were also planning ways to destroy Jesus.

The parable of the wicked husbandman taught God's judgment on Israel. It taught that rejecting God was in fact not the right thing for anyone to do. Jesus taught that the husbandman would be destroyed and their vineyard would be given to others. Surely, just as Jesus perceived that this parable was to apply to those whom he taught, the Jewish leaders perceived the same, that it applied to them as well. The Jewish leaders sought to destroy Jesus, but feared the people who held him in high esteem.

Just as many of the Jewish leaders noted in the parable would have rejected the idea of God's judgment, so do many people in our day reject the idea of God's judgment. If I hear Jesus at all in this parable, he is saying God's

judgment is definitely going to come upon all men. Those who live in opposition to God, those who turn from God, those who are rebellious against God are going to understand and receive consequences of God's judgment. Rejection of His Son results in the consequences of God's wrath.

I believe buried in this parable, as with others, is the teaching of individual responsibility. Each person is responsible for his own life. Each person is responsible for employing his talents. Each person is responsible for attaining some growth in his life. Each person is responsible for being spiritually productive. Jesus expects each of us who follow him to produce, to grow, to use our skills, and to accept ultimate responsibility for our decisions.

In our parable, the husbandman could not accept responsibility for the conduct of the workers. He had given orders to the workers. The workers had to produce and they were accountable for what they did or did not accomplish.

The parable also teaches God's mercy and grace toward mankind. Who else but God would go so far to attempt resolution with people as did the husbandman with the workers? Who else but God would go to such limits to attain success for all? Who else but God would endure the excuses and faults of man?

God has set the standard and the limits for our contact with people. We are to go and go and go. Our Annie Armstrong offering for home missions helps us to go when we cannot go. Our giving helps God reach others. Our giving helps God's standard — the Gospel — to be presented to those in need.

Perhaps one could find some sense of encouragement in life though his witnessing, through encouraging people to accept Jesus as Lord and Savior by living the Christian experience in terms of recommitting themselves to the Lord and to his work. In the vineyard which is ours to serve in today, may we be those servants who receive and share the Lord Jesus, the real husbandman of the vineyard.

Robert Hanvey is pastor, First, Hazlehurst.

## Anxiety: A result of lack of faith, Jesus teaches

By Nathan L. Barber  
Luke 12:22-34

It is clear from verse 22 that Jesus' teaching concerning anxiety is a continuation of the preceding verses which dealt with the Rich Fool and his greed. One may find it difficult to identify anxiety in the parable of the Rich Fool, but it is definitely there. It is a lack of understanding concerning anxiety which blinds us to the anxiety of the rich man who kept getting richer.

Anxiety occurs when a person has a care that distracts him from faith in God. In the case of the Rich Fool it was his seeking for security which generated his anxiety. Security means that a person has become free of any care which might cause anxiety or worry. For the Rich Fool, security was perceived as having enough material wealth to free himself of that distraction for the rest of his life; he could take it easy, eat, drink and just enjoy living. When it is assumed that security can belong to man



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apart from faith in God, man becomes the victim of that futile search.

The Rich Fool had expended his energies gathering together a perishable fortune which could not be transferred to the imperishable world ahead. Because of his riches this individual would be called "successful" in the world today, but he was called a "fool" by God because of his spiritual poverty. He was a man who thought he had the world by the tail until he suddenly discovered that the world had controlled him all along. Instead, he had prepared material possessions for many years to come only to discover that his days were all gone. The haunting question which he took to his grave was, "and now who will own what you have prepared?"

As a result of the principles involved in the parable of the Rich Fool, Jesus taught his disciples not to be anxious (distracted from faith in God) concerning even the necessary considerations of food and clothing. The

disciples, unlike the Rich Fool of the parable, had to deal with having their needs met one day at a time. And yet their anxiety would be just as wrong as the Rich Fool's if they, too, were distracted from believing that God would take care of their needs in that day. And if he chose to give them the gift of an additional day, they are bound to believe that he will also take care of their needs tomorrow. In reminding his disciples of how totally unproductive anxiety is in a person's life, he called to their attention that the known (physical height) or the unknown (length of days) cannot be changed by worrying. "Why are you anxious then?" Jesus asked.

Jesus used examples of birds and flowers to demonstrate God's ever-present knowledge of his creatures' needs. The raven is not involved in farming like the Rich Fool, and the raven has no barns in which to store food for the future. "And yet God feeds them" (v. 24). The flowers of the fields of the world neither weave nor sew; yet even Solomon in all his glory did not clothe himself like God clothes them. "How much more will he clothe you" (v. 28). O anxious men who have been distracted from faith in God?

Jesus assured his disciples that their Heavenly Father knew what their needs were.

Since labor is God's assigned method of feeding and clothing man, one must be careful to note that Jesus never suggested that men should be lazy and irresponsible in providing for the physical needs of those who depend on them. Even the raven must do its part in seeking and eating what God provides. The flowers, too, must grow and flourish according to God's design for them. The scriptures teach that a man is to do his best and then faith God for the rest.

Anxiety concerning material possessions is a worldly characteristic. The disciples of Jesus are to be characterized by that which Jesus commanded them to do. The disciples is to seek for the rule and reign of God in his life. The results will be that God will add the things of this life as needed. True life is so much more than eating, drinking, and having plenty, "for not even when one has an abundance does his life consist of his possessions."

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## Jesus' betrayal and denial: Scene set in a garden

By Charles Wesley  
John 18:3-5, 10-11, 17, 19-27

When your faith is being tested, do you remain loyal to Jesus Christ? Loyalty to Christ is easy to maintain while one is surrounded by other loyal Christians. But what happens when you are in the company of those who are not sympathetic toward Christians? We are challenged to consider these questions as we study this week's lesson.



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Scene I — The first scene opens in a garden. We know the name of this garden as the Garden of Gethsemane. The name "Gethsemane" means "oil press." After olives would be picked, they would be placed in a press to remove the oil. The name of the garden is appropriate to the pressure Jesus was enduring as he committed himself to the cross. More than coincidence is the fact that it was in a garden that man was first disobedient to God. Likewise, it was in a garden that Jesus Christ committed himself to be obedient to his

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Father's will to go to the cross. Man's disobedience results in spiritual death. Jesus' obedience to go to the cross made provision for eternal life to those who trust Jesus as Savior.

The ordering of Roman soldiers carrying weapons to capture Jesus, the Prince of Peace, is one of history's unrivaled ironies. Yet Jesus clearly stated his identity to the soldiers and gave himself over to them. Even though man is guilty of betraying God's Son and killing him, he willingly gave himself to provide for man's salvation. As we ponder these events, we can only exalt a Savior that gave himself for guilty man.

Even when Jesus was giving himself over to the Roman soldiers, he was concerned for the welfare of others. Peter, in his zeal to protect Jesus, severed the right ear of Malchus, the high priest's slave. I do not believe for one minute Peter was aiming for Malchus' ear! Luke informs us that Jesus healed Malchus' ear (Luke 22:51). This act of grace by Jesus probably kept the soldiers from taking Peter

captive or killing him. Furthermore, the healing was an act of grace to one of Jesus' enemies.

Scene II — The second scene was in the house of the high priest. Jesus was sent first before Annas, the father-in-law of Caiaphas, the high priest. Annas was a former high priest who was well liked by the people. The opinion of Annas would be influential. The questioning of Jesus by Annas centered on the teaching of Jesus and how he made disciples. Did Jesus actually claim to be the Messiah? Jesus responded to the questioning by stating that his teaching was proclaimed in public. Therefore, Jesus told Annas to ask the questions to those who heard Jesus teach. One of the officers thought Jesus was being disrespectful to Annas, so he struck Jesus. Jesus, then told those present to prove if he had spoken wrongly. Annas, realizing that he was accomplishing nothing in questioning Jesus, sent Jesus on to Caiaphas, the high priest.

Scene III — The third scene is in the courtyard of the high priest's house. Peter, with another disciple known by the high priest, entered into the courtyard. First, to a slave girl

at the door of the courtyard, second, to those standing around a fire, and third, to a relative of Malchus, Peter denied being a disciple of Jesus. Wisdom demands that we explore possible reasons for Peter denying Christ after Peter made such a bold declaration of his loyalty earlier (Luke 22:33; John 13:37). Possibly Peter felt he could handle the circumstances without the help of God. When Peter should have been praying, he was sleeping (Luke 22:40, 46). Furthermore, Peter placed himself in the position to be tempted when he stood by the enemies' fire.

How do you suppose Peter felt when the cock crowed? We can be thankful that Peter learned the lesson of how easy it is to yield to temptation, even if he learned the hard way.

This lesson has definite applications for our lives. (1) We should act graciously to people, even our enemies. (2) We should follow the example of obedience and loyalty that Jesus set for us. (3) We should realize that no Christian is immune to denying his or her loyalty to Jesus Christ when tempted.

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Each January, we review and analyze cash gifts received in Village offices during the preceding calendar year. One of the more interesting and gratifying facets of this analysis is a listing of Mississippi Baptist churches in the order of their designated cash gifts to our ministry — "the Honor Roll of Churches". In 1986, local Baptist churches contributing

designated operating gifts, in any amount, to our ministry, aggregated 1534. According to Convention Board offices, there are 1974 different cooperating churches in the state. Of these, 198 made operating gifts of \$1,000.00 or more to the BCV and were received in our offices during 1986 by December 31. According to our records, these "top 198" churches are:

1. FBC, Water Valley, Yalobusha
2. FBC, Jackson, Hinds Madison
3. FBC, Vicksburg, Warren
4. Hillcrest, Hinds-Madison
5. Rolling Creek, Clarke
6. Woodville Heights, Hinds-Madison
7. Harrisburg, Lee
8. Morrison Heights, Hinds-Madison
9. FBC, Meridian, Lauderdale
10. FBC, Greenville, Washington
11. Raymond, Hinds-Madison
12. FBC, Indianola, Sunflower
13. FBC, Gulfport, Gulf Coast
14. Broadmoor, Hinds-Madison
15. FBC, Louisville, Winston
16. Forest Baptist, Scott
17. Daniel Memorial, Hinds-Madison
18. FBC, Clinton, Hinds-Madison
19. Bunker Hill, Marion
20. Parkway, Hinds-Madison
21. FBC, Aberdeen, Monroe
22. FBC, Crystal Springs, Copiah
23. FBC, Booneville, Prentiss
24. Mt. Zion, Northwest
25. Oak Forest, Hinds-Madison
26. FBC, Waynesboro, Wayne
27. FBC, Florence, Rankin
28. Liberty, Mississippi
29. FBC, Olive Branch, Northwest
30. FBC, Columbus, Lowndes
31. FBC, Brandon, Rankin
32. FBC, Hazlehurst, Copiah
33. Ingomar, Union County
34. FBC, McComb, Pike
35. Briar Hill, Rankin
36. Mt. Moriah, Lincoln
37. FBC, Grenada, Grenada
38. Moorhead, Sunflower
39. Meadville, Franklin
40. FBC, Richton, Perry
41. Tate Street, Alcorn
42. FBC, Quitman, Clarke
43. Emmanuel, Washington
44. Sylvarena, Smith
45. Liberty, Union County
46. Fairview, Lowndes
47. Indian Springs, Jones
48. North Bessieville, Panola
49. Phalti, Jeff-Davis
50. FBC, Itta Bena, LeFlore
51. Van Winkle, Hinds-Madison
52. State Boulevard, Lauderdale
53. Noxapater, Winston
54. FBC, Bruce, Calhoun
55. FBC, Calhoun City, Calhoun
56. FBC, Leland, Washington
57. Unity, Pearl River
58. Colonial Heights, Hinds-Madison
59. Shiloh, Calhoun
60. Calvary, Hinds-Madison
61. FBC, Greenwood, LeFlore
62. FBC, West Point, Clay
63. Morgantown, Adams
64. Highland, Lauderdale
65. FBC, Charleston, Tallahatchie
66. Northwest Bapt. Assn., Northwest
67. FBC, Picayune, Pearl River
68. Poplar Springs, Lucedale
69. FBC, Pontotoc, Pontotoc
70. Pine Grove, Lauderdale
71. FBC, Senatobia, Northwest
72. Alta Woods, Hinds-Madison
73. Eupora, Webster
74. Northminster, Hinds-Madison
75. Tylertown, Walthall
76. FBC, Coffeeville, Yalobusha
77. Calvary, Lee
78. FBC, Anguilla, Sharkey-Isaq
79. FBC, Canton, Hinds-Madison
80. Temple, Lebanon
81. FBC, Laurel, Jones
82. FBC, Amory, Monroe
83. FBC, Lexington, Holmes
84. Beulah, Magee, Simpson
85. Williamsville, Attala
86. DeKalb, Kemper
87. Gray's Creek, Northwest
88. Pearl River Bapt. Assn., Pearl River
89. Midway, Lauderdale
90. Ephesus, Scott
91. Macedonia, Lee
92. FBC, Hattiesburg, Lebanon
93. FBC, New Albany, Union County
94. Banner, Calhoun
95. FBC, Rolling Fork, Sharkey-Isaq
96. Zion Hill, Mississippi
97. Hollandale, Washington
98. Springfield, Scott
99. South Corinth, Alcorn
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101. FBC, Carthage, Leake
102. East Fork, Mississippi
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105. Mt. Horeb, Lauderdale
106. FBC, Winona, Montgomery
107. Roseland Park, Pearl River
108. Providence, Bolivar
109. Galilee, Mississippi
110. Bethsaida, Montgomery
111. Taylor, Lafayette
112. FBC, Columbia, Marion
113. Indian Springs, Jones
114. Union Seminary, Jasper
115. FBC, Natchez, Adams
116. Grace Memorial, Gulf Coast
117. Shuqualak, Noxubee
118. Amaziah, Union County
119. Navilla, Pike
120. McDowell Road, Hinds-Madison
121. Mt. Zion, Simpson
122. Lexie, Walthall
123. Union, Clarke
124. Fellowship, Lauderdale
125. East Philadelphia, Neshoba
126. Second, Greenville, Washington
127. New Harmony, Union County
128. Main Street, Lebanon
129. Kolola Spring, Lowndes
130. FBC, Coldwater, Northwest
131. FBC, Corinth, Alcorn
132. Salem, Hinds-Madison
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155. Sallis, Attala
156. FBC, Brookhaven, Lincoln
157. FBC, New Augusta, Perry
158. Pocahontas, Hinds-Madison
159. Bouie Street, Lebanon
160. FBC, Biloxi, Gulf Coast
161. FBC, Summit, Pike
162. FBC, Pascagoula, Jackson
163. Griffith Memorial, Hinds-Mad.
164. Roxie, Franklin
165. Alexander Memorial, Washington
166. Heidelberg, Jasper
167. West Laurel, Jones
168. Macedonia, Union County
169. Seminary, Covington
170. Rienzi, Alcorn
171. Calvary, LeFlore
172. Flora, Hinds-Madison
173. Freedom, Jones
174. Bethlehem, Scott
175. Cary, Sharkey-Isaq
176. Graceland, Jackson
177. FBC, Purvis, Lamar
178. Hardy, Grenada
179. Old Silver Creek, Lawrence
180. Oak Grove, Simpson
181. Colonial Hills, Northwest
182. New Prospect, Lincoln
183. Pleasant Hill, Clarke
184. New Hope, Lauderdale
185. FBC, Starkville, Oktibbeha
186. Gaston, Prentiss
187. Bethlehem, Simpson
188. Tuscola, Leake
189. North Winona, Montgomery
190. FBC, Magee, Simpson
191. Central, Pike
192. Gallman, Copiah
193. Bolton, Hinds-Madison
194. West Baptist Church, Holmes
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## Choctaws help write, edit new Indian SS quarterlies

By Anne W. McWilliams

The Baptist Sunday School Board is developing Sunday School curriculum now for the American Indian, a first in the nation for Southern Baptists.

Sunday School adult quarterlies are now being written by Indians for Indian churches. Of eight writers and two editors, two are Choctaws and live in Mississippi. Lee Bacon, Philadelphia, interim director of missions, New Choctaw Baptist Association, is writing a unit on "The Greatness of God" (Psalm 104) to appear in the quarter beginning October, 1988. Calvin Isaac, Philadelphia, principal of the Indian School at Conehatta and a former chief of the Choctaws, is one of the editors.

"The quarterlies in Indian version are to be written in a way to which Indians can relate," said Bacon. "We are trying to use illustrations geared to the way Indians think. For instance, the Indian has a special appreciation for nature, and I am keeping this in mind as I write the unit on the greatness of God."

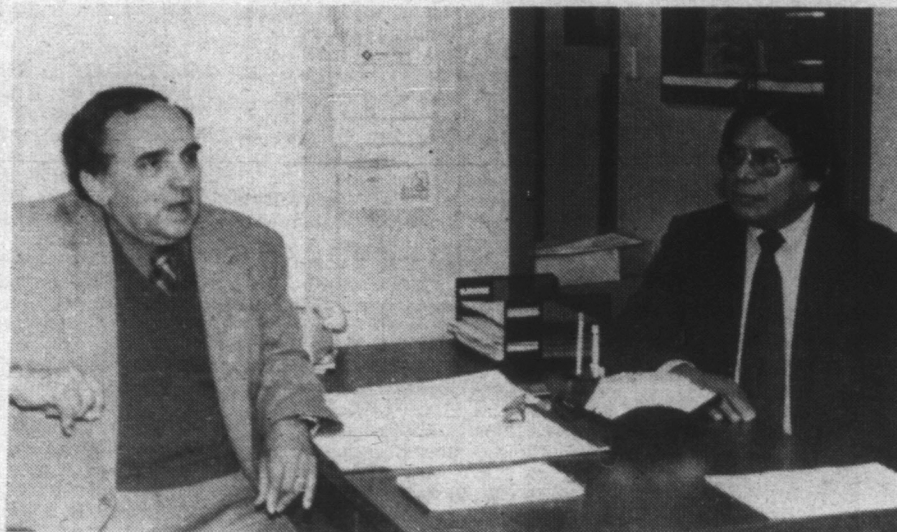
"I think this will help promote unity among the many Indian tribes," Bacon added. Since the nearly two million American Indians speak various tribal languages, the quarterlies will be published in English. Bacon said someone once asked him, "Do all of you speak Indian?"

They went to Nashville in November with other writers and editors for a week of intensive training. Other writers include Eddie Lindsey, Oklahoma; Russell Begaye, Texas; Allan Colbert, Oklahoma; Emerson Falls, California; Betty Rodgers, North Carolina; Edna Romero, New Mexico; and Harriet Hinman, Oklahoma. Helen Begaye, Texas, is the other editor.

Two writers are working together on each quarter's assignments, one doing the lesson commentary and the other procedures. Harriet Hinman is working on the unit with Lee Bacon. Bacon is doing the commentary. Both Teacher and Pupil quarterlies are included.

"We must go by three rules," Bacon said. "The lessons must be spiritual; they must be biblical; and they must be doctrinal (according to Southern Baptist doctrine)."

"Five thousand of the quarterlies will be published in the beginning," Isaac noted. "Units will be listed on church literature order blanks and catalogues for the convenience of the Indian churches. Then, if the demand is high enough, more may be published. Once this is set up, we hope the



Lee Bacon, left, and Calvin Isaac, right Choctaws, discuss the Sunday School curriculum they are helping the Baptist Sunday School Board to develop for the American Indian. Mr. Bacon is interim director of missions, New Choctaw Baptist Association. Mr. Isaac is principal of the Indian School at Conehatta.

series can be continued."

Later, quarterlies for children may be added. Also, Indian versions of manuals are being considered for publication by the Sunday School Board, in various areas of church development, such as music, Church Training, church administration, the church architectural service, church recreation, family ministry, church library, and student ministry.

Indians are also doing the artwork for the quarterlies. One of the illustrators will be Jimmy Anderson, Creek Indian, a Home Mission Board appointed Indian church developer for the Oklahoma Baptist Convention. "Approximately 95 percent of all American Indians have yet to be saved," Anderson told Barbara Denman, writer for WMU, SBC. "Our Indian people need Jesus Christ."

There are 460 Indian congregations in the Southern Baptist Convention. Among Mississippi's 6,000 Choctaws are ten Southern Baptist churches and two missions. The Bold Mission goal for new Indian churches across the country is 80. Mississippi's goal is four, to push the total to 14, said Bacon. Bacon and Isaac both say that they perceive writing as one means of ministry to their own people.

Lee Bacon, an Oklahoma Choctaw, was born at Antlers. Before he began work as New Choctaw director of missions last November, he had previously been director of student services at the Pearl River Indian School near Philadelphia. A Mississippi Choctaw led him to Christ when he was 13. Later he married a Mississippi Choctaw, Cornelia Isaac. They have three children, Keith, Tressie, and Melvin.

He is a graduate of Chilocco Indian School, Chilocco, Oklahoma, and has

a B.S. degree in business education from Southwestern at Winfield, Kansas, and M.S. degree in counseling education from Central State University at Edmond, Oklahoma, plus 30 hours toward a specialist degree at Mississippi State University.

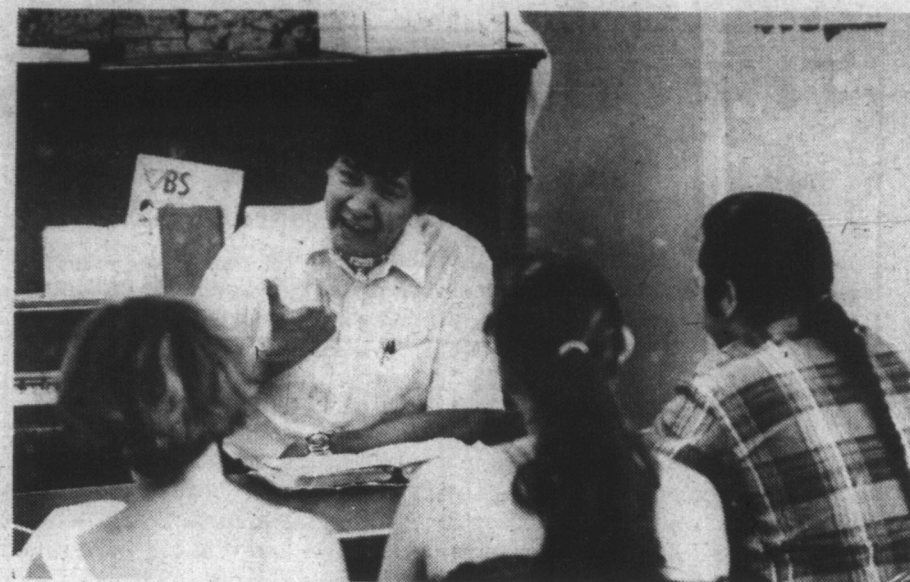
Mr. Bacon helped to establish the Pearl River Baptist Church for Indian people whose first language was not Choctaw. He is Sunday School director and deacon there, as well as a member of the Board of Trustees.

Calvin Isaac is the son of a Baptist pastor, the late B.D. Isaac. In 1975, the Mississippi Choctaws elected him their chief, by popular vote. Since his tenure as chief, he has been principal in succession of three schools, including his present job at Conehatta.

He is a member of the Canaan Baptist Church, Leake County, where since the age of ten he had been pianist most of the time. Also he has been the church's Sunday School director and song leader.

Mr. Isaac was the first Mississippi Choctaw to earn a graduate degree. After his graduation from Meridian High School he earned a bachelor's degree in music education from Delta State University and a master's degree in elementary education from Mississippi State. He has done postgraduate study at University of Tulsa, George Washington University, Mississippi State, and Northern Arizona University.

Through writing, these two will be reaching their Indian brothers and sisters for Jesus Christ, and in turn teaching them to reach out to others. They and other Southern Baptists can help to evangelize American Indians by giving to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering.



— To win the more than 1.5 million unsaved American Indians, home missionary Jimmy Anderson, a full-blooded Creek Indian, has established a network between the 460 Southern Baptist churches in the SBC. Support Anderson through the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. (HMB Photo)

## Book Reviews

**Called to Splendor:** Nelson L. Price; Broadman, pp. 143. pp.

The author is pastor of Roswell Street Church in Marietta, Ga., and is currently president of the Pastor's Conference of the Southern Baptist Convention.

He says, "The most exciting aspect of life is responding to the call, the summons of God!" He stresses that the first call is to salvation and then to strength, stability, and many others.

There are seven chapters in the book, each dealing with a different summons. In addition to the previously named summons, the author deals with the call to sharing, summoned to a stellar faith (showmanship), to sensibility (the word of God), serenity, and significance.

It would be good reading for any Christian. I wouldn't say it is an excellent book but a good book. — Reviewed by Greg Potts, Bluff Springs Church, Magnolia.

**The Best Pastor You Ever Had:** Jimmy Reader; Dorrance & Company, Publishers, Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania, \$4.95, 33 pp.

The author was ordained to the gospel ministry in 1970 and is now an American Baptist Minister.

The book contains six chapters and encourages its readers to do various things to help their pastors. By doing so, their pastors would be the best pastor they've ever had. In chapter two he encourages his readers to support their pastors.

The book would probably be helpful for church members to read.

Reviewed by Greg Potts, pastor, Bluff Springs Church, Magnolia.

**Go-Givers in a Go-Getter World:** Paul W. Powell; Broadman Press, Nashville, 144 pp.

Paul Powell is the pastor of the Green Acres Baptist Church, Tyler, Tx., and is president of the Baptist General Convention of Texas. He has authored several Broadman books.

In this particular book the author says, "My plea is simple: it is time to refocus our thinking on the building of evangelistic churches that can reach and keep converts. This should be the central part of our evangelistic strategy."

In 13 chapters the author seeks to

encourage and motivate Christians to be about the business of building New Testament churches. Some of his chapter titles are "Risktakers/Caretakers/Undertakers," "Growth with Integrity," "The Power and Potential for Growth," "Knowing the times and meeting the needs," and "Worship that wins."

In each chapter the author discusses a different aspect of what is needed to grow an evangelistic church.

As one might expect, this is mainly a book of sermons on church growth.

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The best preacher is one who keeps right on living his sermon after he comes out of the pulpit.

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